

**Minutes of Faculty Senate  
September 11, 2015**

**Present:** Alex, Branson, Baker, Blodgett, Commissiong, Craig, Crandall, DeButte, DeOtte, Dursun-Kilic, Fiaud, Hartin, Hindman, King, Klaehn, Lee, Meredith, Osei-Hwere, Ottoson, and Stuntz.

**Absent:** Wilson, Ambrose, Combs, Lust, Nam, Shao.

**Guests:**

Meeting called to order at 12:15pm in Room 14 (Eternal Flame) of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

1. Welcome
  
2. Minutes approved
  
3. Old business
  - a. Restructuring senate  
Ballot for restructuring faculty senate given to express opinions. Will be discussed at next meeting.
  
  - b. Campus carry update  
Gather info from student population. VHAC and museum usage information to be gathered. Athletics competition (box, FUB,...)  
Taskforce will meet in October. Townhall meetings will take place to inform the university community. Concerns and questions about the Amarillo campus. There will be opportunities to express concerns. Harry Hueston will look into other universities policies. A website will be created to look at bills; do not hesitate to ask questions.
  
  - c. Other  
Latest Faculty handbook posted.
  
4. New Business
  - a. Bookstore issue  
Books ordered 1 week before semester started (POSC) created delays. Other departments on campus were having this issue. Orders were meeting the deadlines required by the bookstore. Even if there were new books (new editions) there should have been plenty of time to acquire the books before the semester. It appears that, for some classes, the number of books ordered is only 80% of the cap. In some instances, the Bookstore lost the order. This is an issue that does not seem to be connected to the enrollment growth as it has been happening for years. Prices are sometimes way more than what the students can get from an outside source or online.

Discussion about maybe looking at a grading system to classify the books.  
Outsourcing? Use book orders system similar to work orders? Lean 6 Sigma idea...  
Bring idea to President O'Brien.

- b. Other
  - i. History group: 2015 National Leadership institute. Looking for 10 Hispanic students to apply and participate. (Sophomore or Junior) to Dr. Elsa Medrano or Angela Allen.
  - ii. Chili challenge for Chili Cook off
    - 1. Get a team
    - 2. QR codes on tables for voting.
    - 3. Several Awards
    - 4. Honor memory of Robin Capt.
    - 5. Will have hopefully a community table
    - 6. Register online
  - iii. Swipe stations
    - 1. All students will get new Gold card with chip next semester. No swiping necessary.
    - 2. Who will be responsible for record keeping? Not sure.
    - 3. Issue about possibly a student coming in and leaving early
    - 4. Issue with medical devices? Hopefully not if similar to library
    - 5. Goal: to get attendance for freshman
  - iv. To blackboard committee
    - 1. Pictures on WTClass to help faculty recognize students
    - 2. Access to certain features by students

## 5. Announcements

- a. Convocation Shanna Peebles
  - i. Faculty have to be there
  - ii. Announce in freshman classes
  - iii. If do not go, students get a hold on account and can't register for the Spring semester. Have to watch the video before the hold is removed.
- b. Other
  - i. Lots of events on campus this year
  - ii. All mail announcements go through IT.
  - iii. Thank you for sending updates

The meeting of Faculty Senate was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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