

# Faculty senate elects officers, discusses parking, ethics

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The faculty senate met Wednesday to discuss various topics that have been on its agenda.

Senate President John Howe introduced Jonathan Marks, interim dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts and director of the Ethics Initiative, who spoke about the progress of the ethics program.

"The Ethics Initiative has matured as a body of its own," Marks said. "Our concentration is on ethics because ethics is a good thing, and is something our nation needs, as well as our students, faculty and the university."

Marks said the program is currently in the preparatory stages and has four main parts including ethics in curriculum, ethical institution, academic integrity and ethics of diversity.

The program has teamed up with engineering professionals to help move this initiative along.

"We will be having Ethics Day, which was formerly Engineering Day, on April 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium," Marks said. "We will have a former Tech graduate, Dawn Cash, speak and also Lynn Brewer who wrote 'Confessions of an Enron Executive.' Parts covered will be law, business and engineering."

Marks also mentioned the policy on academic integrity might change.

"We are re-examining our current policy, and we are thinking of changing it completely to where it would deal with the lack of academic integrity by students and even by faculty," he said.

Lynn Denton, associate vice chancellor of Communications and Marketing, spoke at the meeting about new policies concerning faculty.

"If you are interviewed by a media member or a reporter, just e-mail us and let us know who interviewed you and what it was about," Denton said, "We keep up with all the hits Texas Tech gets by the media, and we send a list out to the faculty so they can (see) how often Tech is written about."

Denton also said if a reporter asks a faculty member about something controversial, they should contact the Communications and Marketing department so it can get in touch with the people best capable to handle the situation.

The senate discussed a parking committee meeting on Feb. 23 where preferred parking signs for pregnant women were approved.

Rosa Hernandez, senator from the College of Education, was concerned with another parking issue.

"I work in the College of Education, and the people who pay to park in the garage will see an increase from \$300 to \$900 next year," she said.

Hernandez said she believes different colleges are paying different prices and does not believe it is not fair.

Howe said he knew of no difference in people from different colleges paying varying prices and said it is something that could be looked into.

Elections for faculty senate officers took place at the meeting. The new secretary is Christine Alvarado from the department of Animal and Food Sciences; Shane C. Blum of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing was elected vice president; and James H. Smith from Agricultural Education and Communications was elected president.

Before the election results were announced, Howe made some announcements including a meet-the-president town hall meeting March 23, a new award for excellent academic advisers and the organization of the chancellor search committee.