

**Texas Tech University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Meeting # 250
March 9, 2005**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 in the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union building with President Gene Wilde presiding. Senators present were: Johnson, Carr, Drager, Hart, Held, Miller, Myles, Nathan, Rahnama, Schaller, Troyansky, Jones, Sherif, Cejda, Duemer, Olivarez, Jackson, Lakhani, Letchford, Masten, Sinzinger, Blum, Gustafson, Reifman, Spurrier, Whitfield, Reeves, Watts, Garner, Lucas, Meek, Wilson, Donahue, Marbley, Morse and Smith. Senators excused were: Hein, Chambers, D'Amico, Toda, Grass, Baker, Kreidler, Tombs, Collins, Jeter, Soonpaa, Camp, Dunham, Brooks and Ellis. Senators not excused were: Doerfert, Perry, Kahera, Loudon, Wenthe, Mercer, Halsey, Amor, Gelber, Bixby, Spallholz and Tacon.

I. Call to Order. President Gene Wilde called Meeting #250 to order at 3:18 March 9, 2005 in the Escondido Room of the Student Union Building.

II. Recognition of Guests in Attendance. President Wilde recognized guests included: Provost William Marcy; Vice Provost Liz Hall; Vice Provost Jim Brink; Amy Martindale from the Staff Senate; Mitchell Mosses from Student Government.

III. Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by **Senator Wilson**, seconded by **Senator Morse**, and passed.

IV. Invited Guest: Amy Martindale, Staff Senate

Ms. Martindale reported on the Staff Senate's efforts to have Traffic & Parking lower the evening time for pay stations for parking for cultural events sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Discussion ensued some of which centered around comparison with parking for athletic events. It was pointed out that most of CVPA presentations do not require tickets, and that an audience is a "resource" for the performing students. **Senator Held** inquired as to how many big donors enjoy these events and whether our current president could help in solving this problem. **Senator Howe** raised the question of possible conflict of use in these lots with library patrons. **Senator Miller** noted that athletics is in essence held to a different standard. **Senator Reifman** moved to strike the word "and" from the resolution. The motion was seconded by **Senator Troyansky** and passed. Subsequently **Senator Wilson** moved the Senate accept the resolution on Parking for the Visual and Performing Arts. The motion was seconded by **Senator Drager** and passed.

Whereas the parking lots around the School of Music, School of Art, and Department of Theatre and Dance are part of the park-and-pay system;

And, whereas other arts venues in Lubbock, such as the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center and the Cactus Theater, do not require payment for parking, indicating that payment for parking is not part of the Lubbock arts culture;

And, whereas patrons attending music, art, or theatre and dance events frequently express anger regarding parking fees to staff members of those units;

And, whereas staff members in the School of Music, School of Art, and Department of Theatre and Dance are frequently stressed by angry patrons and frustrated by the inability to resolve the situation;

And, whereas approximately 160 visual and performing arts events are hosted on campus during week-day evenings annually, creating numerous occasions for the staff members involved to experience this stress and frustration;

And, whereas the Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, as well as staff representatives from each of the units, agree that ending the park-and-pay system at 7:00 p.m. rather than 8:00 p.m. would be a satisfactory solution;

And, whereas differing regulations by date and location would generate confusion for patrons and parking enforcement staff;

And, whereas the Board of Regents approved the original time period for the park-and-pay system;

Therefore, be it resolved this day that the Texas Tech University Faculty Senate proposes that the Board of Regents adjust the ending time of the campus park-and-pay system to 7:00 p.m., rather than 8:00 p.m., in the interest of improving University relations with the visual and performing arts community and improving the frustrating and stressful work environment for the staff members involved.

President Wilde noted that in a recent meeting with President Whitmore it was indicated there is going to be another parking structure.

Invited Guest: Mitchell Moses, President, Student Government Association

Mr. Moses introduced the new president of SGA Nathan Nash and expressed appreciation to **Senator Held** and the Faculty Senate for the research on the Fall Break Proposal, and affirmed that students are still very much interested in pursuing the idea.

President Wilde indicated that President Whitmore had charged the Provost and himself to look at which are important obstacles in consideration of the proposal and which ones are easily solvable. However, we are no longer looking at the proposal happening this Fall.

V. Old Business [56.02]

Nominations for Faculty Senate officers were taken from the floor. **Senator Nathan** moved nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by **Senator Schaller** and passed.

Faculty Lounge Committee— Senator Jackson

It was recommended that a committee oversee the Faculty Lounge.

President Wilde expressed desire to keep the present *ad hoc* committee and allow the next Faculty Senate President to select the committee members.

It was also noted that former President Haragan had expressed the possibility of a faculty club at the new Lubbock Club in Southwest Lubbock.

Academic Integrity Committee— Senator Lakhani

Senator Lakhani inquired as to the date of the SACS visit to campus (March 21 according to Vice Provost Brink). In response to Senator Held's question that accepting current report may nullify part of current procedure, **Vice Provost Brink** noted that 'under current procedures a student's recourse is after semester is over and an appeal is filed within 45 days.' The report supports the appointment of a Chief Academic Integrity Officer. **Senator Sinzinger** recommended leaving things as they are until such an officer is elected, and accept the committee report. The report was accepted with one vote opposed.

Ad Hoc Committee to Reinstate Faculty Benefits—Senator Lucas

Nothing to report but that he would enjoy volunteers to serve on the committee with him.

Senator Held inquired as to what extent the President has been informed regarding the Faculty Senate's position on the Fall Break. **President Wilde** and **Senator Reifman** responded that the President is indeed hearing us, that he knows we voted down the resolution.

VI. New Business

Senator Reifman moved that the Senate accept the Resolution on Athletics. **Senator Wilson** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Senator Lucas commented that he thought it a great idea, and would like more parity, similar recognition of other areas of accomplishment.

Resolution Honoring the Athletic Program

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate passed a resolution at its January meeting congratulating the Texas Tech football team on its Holiday Bowl victory and fine academic performance; and

WHEREAS the full spectrum of TTU athletics should also be recognized for its accomplishments during the 2004 calendar year; and

WHEREAS track runner Jonathan Johnson won first-place in the 800 meters in both the NCAA outdoor championships and U.S. Olympic Trials, and represented the U.S. in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece; and

WHEREAS several TTU athletics teams, including the baseball team, and the men's and women's basketball, track and field, cross-country, and golf squads, qualified for post-season play during the 2004 calendar year; and

WHEREAS numerous TTU student-athletes received academic honors such as All-Big XII Academic;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate congratulates the coaches, staffs, and especially the student-athletes comprising the aforementioned squads

Resolution from Senator Lakhani's committee

Senator Nathan moved to accept this resolution, seconded by **Senator Howe**. **Vice-Provost Brink** commented that there is no provision for a Chief Academic Integrity Officer to have any disciplinary control — the Provost is the Chief Academic Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Academic Integrity Implementation Resolution

Whereas a major goal of Texas Tech University is to provide education of the highest standard, and

Whereas such education requires the University to vigorously nurture academic integrity and ethics on the campus, and

Whereas the TTU academic integrity implementation task force (ITF) has recommended that a new office of academic integrity and ethics be established to help promote these qualities and that a person with a terminal degree be recruited as a full-time academic officer, and

Whereas it will be the responsibility of this office and person to develop policies and procedures for resolving all academic integrity issues, and promote awareness of academic dishonesty issues in students and faculty,

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate urges the University to adopt the recommendation to establish such an office and fill this position within the Academic Affairs administration.

Be it also resolved that the Faculty Senate urges that the position be filled with a person having academic experience, and that this person develop policies and procedures in consultation with the Senate.

Senator Lucas commented that since **Buddy Knox, Managing Director of Traffic and Parking**, mentioned bike lanes in his previous report, and in view of the recent hit & run incident, that bike lanes be put back in consideration for the Texas Tech University campus.

President Wilde reported that he had expressed to **President Whitmore** our pleasure with the reception following our last meeting of the previous academic year and that the President would be happy to address us at our May meeting and again provide a reception.

Announcements

President Wilde announced that March 15 is the deadline for nominations to Dr. Nuñez for Excellence in Diversity and Equity. Also from **Vice –President Watts** “effective fall 2005 all grades of Incomplete will change to an ‘F’ after one calendar year.” Gary Elbow is looking for volunteers for focus groups on ascertained; four focus groups in two sessions. He will wait for volunteers and then appoint people. **Senator Sheriff** asked for people to participate in the Communication Technology and Professional Network Survey.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.