

**Texas Tech University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
Meeting #260  
April 12, 2006**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 in the Matador Room in the Student Union Building, with President John Howe presiding. Senators present were: Brooks, Doerfert, Johnson, Kvashny, Perry, Gallegos, Loudon, Boros, Carlson, Carr, Drager, Dunham, Grair, Hart, Howe, Kimball, Miller, Niwayama, Schaller, Smucker, Toda, Bremer, Ritchey, Klinker, Maushak, Jackson, Lakhani, Letchford, Masten, Sinzinger, Thompson, Amor, Blum, Reifman, Shriver, Dillon, Laughlin, Vaughn, Kreidler, Spurrier, Whitfield, Oskam, Durham, Gelber, Meek, Wilson, Alvarado, Marbley, Mayer, Morse, Hernandez-Sheets and Smith. Senators excused were: Myles, Rahnama, Agnello, Collins, Hein, Chambers, Reeves, Garner and Donahue. Senators unexcused were: Davis, Grappendorf, Grass, Mercer, Olivarez, Mann and Ellis.

I. Call to Order. President John Howe called Meeting #260 to order at 3:19 pm, April 12, 2006.

II. Recognition of Guests. President Howe recognized the following guests: Senior Vice Provost James Brink, Provost William Marcy, Faculty Assistant to the President Mary Jane Hurst, Parliamentarian Clarke Cochran, Liaison from the Staff Senate Rebecca Owens, President Jon Whitmore, Director of Strategic Planning Gil Reeve, Dean of the Library Donald Dyal, Associate Dean of the Libraries Sheila (Curl) Hoover, Ombudsman for Staff Nathanael Haddox, Newly elected Senators for 2006-2007 Nancy Reed, Lewis Held, Randy Jeter, other guests Dolly Wilson, Brian Quinn, Sandy River, Danny Nathan

III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #259 brought forward for approval by President Howe. Minutes approved.

IV. Invited Guests:

President Jon Whitmore

Dr. Whitmore updated the faculty on the work completed by the administration this year including: providing a 2% raise; increasing diversity; improving recruiting in big cities in Texas; hiring an Ombudsman for staff, instituting a tuition and fee waiver for staff taking up to a 3 credit hour course; consolidating student business activities in one building; opening Murray residence hall and the Experimental Sciences Building; constructing the student wellness center; reviewing the graduate school; revitalizing student advising and initiating the President's Excellence in Advising Award. Tuition and fees will be raised 4.7% to cover raises, more student scholarships and O&M costs. Additionally, Dr. Hurst is assisting the President in continuing the initiatives begun this year such as the speaker series. Future activities include the visit of a unit from the Paul Taylor Dance Company "Taylor 2" (September 25-29, 2006) and National Book Award Reviewers (October 10-11, 2006). Two committees as set up by the Board of Regents will work together in an unknown capacity to select the new Chancellor; however, the final decision will rest with the Board of Regents.

Dean of the Libraries, Donald Dyal and Associate Dean of the Libraries Sheila (Curl) Hoover [20:00-46:00]

Dr. Dyal presented the library's funding history and explained that current library funding comes from the library fee paid by the students. In order to continue to operate without having to drastically increase the library fee, the library needed to reduce the budget; therefore, Dr. Dyal had asked Dr. Sheila (Curl) Hoover to evaluate the serials to determine if cuts could be made. Dr. (Curl) Hoover explained the methodology applied to identify information on journal usage and cost so that journals could be cut. Additionally, Dr. (Curl) Hoover indicated work is underway to improve interlibrary loan (ILL) and gain license to full text through publisher or aggregator as print subscription is decreased.

V. Old Business

a. Committee on Committees

Senator Schaller presented the report from the Committee on Committees. The report, including committee assignments for the next senate cycle, was approved.

b. Liaison Report

Senator James Smith, Information Technology and Advisory Committee

Senator Smith reminded the faculty that on May 23, 2006 eraider accounts will be used to sign into the TechSIS Webpage for Faculty and Advisors.

VI. New Business

a. Tenure Advisory Committee

Secretary Morse presented the arguments of the Agenda Committee regarding the need to propose a rewording of the membership requirements of the Tenure Advisory Committee so that the requirement for membership reads "Five members of tenured faculty eligible to vote in faculty elections (but not chairpersons or unit heads who supervise tenure track and tenured faculty)." Approved.

b. Resolution Honoring the Contributions of Marsha Sharp to the University

Senator Reifman proposed a resolution honoring Coach Marsha Sharp. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.

VII. Announcements

a. President Howe announced

- i. Graduate School Review is Thursday, April 13 and Friday April 14, 2006.
- ii. Last Faculty Senate Meeting for this school year is May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the last Agenda Committee meeting is April 24, 2006.
- iii. Committees, liaisons and others should prepare their final reports for the next meeting to document the work conducted this year.
- iv. Chancellor's Search Committee includes only one faculty member and Dr. Howe suggests trying to build a better relationship with the Board of Regents next year.
- v. Bordering State's Tuition Waiver has been cancelled but the cancellation will not affect the Fall 2006 semester.
- vi. This meeting was President Howe's last meeting as he will be out-of-town for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He thanked the Senators for their help, patience, diligence and attendance.
- vii. Reception in the Faculty Lounge following the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.