The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 in the Matador Room in the Student Union Building, with President John Howe presiding.

Senators present were: Brooks, Doerfert, Johnson, Kvaskny, Davis, Gallegos, Boros, Carlson, Carr, Drager, Grair, Grappendorf, Hart, Howe, Kimball, Miller, Niwayama, Schaller, Smucker, Toda, Bremer, Ritchey, Maushak, Collins, Lakhani, Masten, Sinzinger, Amor, Blum, Reifman, Shriver, Laughlin, Vaughn, Kreidler, Spurrier, Whitfield, Chambers, Garner, Gelber, Meek, Wilson, Alvarado, Ellis and Marbley. Senators excused were: Louden, Perry, Morse and Smith. Senators unexcused were: Santos, Jackson and Reeves.

I. Call to Order. President John Howe called Meeting #258 to order at 3:24 pm, February 8, 2006.

II. Recognition of Guests. President Howe recognized the following guests: Senior Vice Provost James Brink, Provost William Marcy, Past Faculty Senate President Gene Wilde, Director of Strategic Planning Gil Reeve, Faculty Assistant to the President Mary Jane Hurst, Parliamentarian Clarke Cochran.

III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #257 brought forward for approval by President Howe. Minutes approved.

IV. Invited Guests: [1:15-34:27]

   a. Nomination Committee [35:30-43:15]
      Senator Reifman presented the names of the candidates for Vice President and Secretary. The candidate for president has withdrawn and no one has volunteered to run for President. The candidates for Vice President are Shane Blum and Paul Carlson. Candidates for Secretary include Christine Alvarado, Nancy Maushak, and Lynn Whitfield. Elections will be held at the March Faculty Senate Meeting.

      Senator Boros presented the report of Faculty Senate Study Committee A regarding Faculty Consulting. As more than ten OPs address faculty consulting the Committee focused on OP 32.07 but will perform additional measures to align the other OPs with OP 32.07. Report of Faculty Senate Study Committee A was approved. The report is in the appendix of the minutes.

   c. Budget Study Committee [57:53-1:15:51]
      Senator Richy presented the pros and cons of an ID card. The current Rec Center card can be modified to work at the Library and as a Tech Express Debit Card. However, social security numbers are on the card, which could represent a fraud risk if lost or stolen. Health insurance can not be incorporated into the card as those cards are supplied by the State. A key card to access areas, such as the Faculty Lounge, is expensive and difficult to obtain.

   d. Liaison Report [1:16:00-1:16:06]
      No liaison reports.

V. Old Business [34:34-49:05]


   b. Resolution Honoring the Athletic Program. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.


   d. Resolution Urging a Compensative Examination of the TTU System. Passed. Available in appendix of the minutes.

   e. Resolution of Thanks to Chancellor David Smith. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.

   f. Resolution Honoring the Athletic Program. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.

VI. New Business [1:16:07-1:29:48]

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   b. Elections for Faculty Senate Officers will be March 8.

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VII. Announcements [1:29:50-1:33:31]

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VIII. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.