

**Texas Tech University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Meeting #261
May 3, 2006**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 in the Matador Room in the Student Union Building, with Vice President Richard Meek presiding. Senators present were:

- I. Call to Order. Vice President Richard Meek called Meeting #261 to order at 3:19 pm, May 3, 2006.
- II. Recognition of Guests. Vice President Meek recognized the following guests: Vice Provost James Brink, Provost William Marcy, Faculty Assistant to the President Mary Jane Hurst, Guest Parliamentarian Nancy Reed, Vice Provost Liz Hall, Bruce Commack, Kay Whyburn, Tom Davis, Dominick Casadonte, and Lewis Held.
- III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #260 were brought forward for approval by Vice President Meek. Minutes approved.
- IV. Invited Guests [3:17-35:54]
 - Dr. Dominick Casadonte, Member Teaching Academy, Chair Chemistry and Biochemistry [3:17-15:38]

Dr. Casadonte discussed the goals of the Teaching Academy which include: advocating teaching, creating a rewarding structure for teaching, promoting a sense of community, serving as role models, fostering research on the scholarship of teaching, and advising the institution on the teaching practice. Dr. Casadonte encouraged the faculty to apply for membership to the Teaching Academy and encouraged senators to consider applying for the Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award. Application instructions are on the Teaching Academy website. Additionally, the Teaching Academy hosts the John Burns Conference, brown bag lunches, and plenary meetings. A new Jumpstart session will be held August 16 and 17, 2006 to educate incoming faculty about teaching at TTU.
 - Kay Whyburn, ConnecTech [15:40-35:54]

Ms. Whyburn summarized the status of the progress of integrating applications within the Texas Tech University System, including TechSIS, TechFIM, and TechRisk. Admissions will switch to Banner June 2007 and Registration and Financial Aid will switch in the Spring 2008 to be live for Fall 2008. Challenges to the changeover including the transition in Spring 2008 when the students will use the new system to register for the Fall 2008 but the old system for Summer 2008 registration. Faculty expressed concern on switching away from the social security numbers to other ID numbers, because the scantron grading system is not compatible with the new ID numbers. Training will begin with the staff working as surrogate consultants to Sunguard Applications and training will follow for all those who will use the new systems.
- V. Old Business [35:55-42:40]
 - a. Committee on Committees [36:06-40:56]

Senator Schaller reported on the work of the other committees during the year including: Subcommittee A—revised OP on faculty consulting; Subcommittee C—evaluated the need for more child care and recommended the formation of an Ad hoc child care committee; Budget Committee—investigated integrating all TTU ID cards into one card; Subcommittee D—revised OP 68.01 pertaining to contacting the media. For more information please see the reports on the Faculty Senate Website.
 - b. Ad hoc Committee on Child Care [41:03-42:03]

Senator Marbly presented the work of the Committee to date. The Committee determined the CDRC will not meet faculty and staff needs and are currently evaluating other child day care models. The Committee is investigating the feasibility of hiring of a resource person to aid faculty and staff in finding day care.
 - c. Electronic Elections [42:09-42:40]

Vice President Meek indicated the special study committee has meet with Kathy Austin and may have electronic ballots software available by next fall.
- VI. New Business [42:50-50:25]
 - a. International Faculty Retention News [42:53-43:25]

Vice President Meek presented a report from the AAUP regarding the retention rates of foreign born faculty and the report found no anomalies. The report is present in the appendix of the minutes.
 - b. Library Resolution [43:28-50:25]

Vice President Meek brought forward a resolution thanking the actions of President Whitmore and Provost Marcy regarding the serial cuts. Passed. Available in the Appendix of the minutes.
- VII. Announcements [50:45-59:57]
 - a. Mary Jane Hurst announced two events in the Fall Lecture Series. For more information contact Mary Jane Hurst at maryjane.hurst@ttu.edu.
 - b. Vice President Meek announced
 - i. Summer Faculty Senate Schedule will be on the Faculty Senate Website (www.depts/ttu.edu/senate/)
 - ii. TTU Polo Team won national championship
 - iii. Oklahoma will be presented in the Lubbock Amphitheater this summer
 - iv. Commencement for Graduate and Undergraduate Students is Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13, respectively
 - v. President Whitmore's Reception in the Faculty Lounge following the meeting
- VIII. Passing of the Gavel [59:59-1:04:09]

Vice President Meek passed the gavel to the new President James Smith. President Smith gave certificates of thanks to Vice President Meek and Secretary Morse for their work this year. President Smith would like to continue the direction of the Faculty Senate. Additionally, he would like to have town hall meetings next year to learn about issues concerning the faculty so that strides may be made to improve work life at TTU. President Smith thanked the Provost's office for providing money to purchase a new laptop and recording equipment for the Faculty Senate and thanked Vice President Meek for allowing the Senate to borrow his equipment this year.
- IX. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.