

**Texas Tech University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Meeting #262
September 6, 2006**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 in the Senate Room in the Student Union Building, with President James Smith presiding.

Senators present were:

David Doerfert, Alon Kvashny, James Davis, Matthew Gallegos, James Carr, Melanie Hart, Charles Myles, Rhonda Boros, Miles Kimball, Satomi Niwayama, Lewis Held, Randall Jeter, Scott Hein, Ronald Bremer, David Malone, Arturo Olivarez, Mary France Agnello, Joann Klinker, Nancy Maushak, Terry Collins, Gopal Lakhani, David Thompson, Michael Sobolewski, Ben Shacklette, Cherif Amor, Shane Blum, Brent Shriver, Rosemary Dillon, Angela Laughlin, Jennifer Spurrier, Todd Chambers, Jimmie Reeves, Tai Kreidler, Lynn Whitfield, Jane Ann Wilson, Laurin Mann, Paul Sharpe, Linda Donahue, Audra Morse, James Smith, Christine Alvarado, Rosa Sheets Hernandez, Nancy Reed, Gene Wilde

- I. Call to Order. President James Smith called Meeting #262 to order at 3:18 pm, September 6, 2006.
- II. Recognition of Guests. President Smith recognized the following guests: Vice Provost James Brink, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs Liz Hall, Faculty Assistant to the President Mary Jane Hurst, Parliamentarian Nancy Reed, Liaison from the Staff Senate President Elect Kathy Nordstrom, Whitney Siegfried, Alice White, Darren Lortan, Richard Meek.
- III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #260 brought forward for approval by President Smith. Minutes approved.
- IV. Since Patty Gisch is in the hospital in critical condition, President Smith hired student worker Whitney Siegfried to help with faculty senate duties from 10-12 MWF and 2-4 T/Th.
- V. Invited Guests:
 - Dr. Jim Brink

Dr. Brink updated the faculty on the Advising Task Force with the appointment of Senior Administrator for Academic Advising DaNay Phelps as the chair. They are developing recommendations for advisors and best practices for advising; the Southwest Collections Special Collections Library is now a stand alone institution as of June 30th and is currently establishing a budget; the report to the assessment for SACS of the Core Curriculum Courses were submitted at the end of August; Dr. Kathy Gillis held 2 successful workshops this summer by the University Writing Center for Writing Intensive Instructors; TTU was named the Chess College of the year by the US Chess Federation and Chess Scholarships will be available soon; The TTU study abroad center in Seville, Spain has 70 students this fall and Quedlinburg, Germany is developing; the Christine DeVitt wing of the NRHC/ John Lott Patio is complete and is part of the conservation and preservation of 18,000 items; the Division of Outreach and Distance Education building is complete; Tibor Nagy was promoted to the Vice Provost for International affairs at the International Cultural Center; Dr. Juan Munoz was named as the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Advancement; the Graduate-on-time (GOT) contract will be offered during orientation next summer for students to sign; Kay Rhodes would like to present an update to the faculty senate on the new financial and student system Banner; IS 1100 has 31 sections this fall; the new Law Catalog is finally published; the Academic Support Services brochure has been updated listing all the services available to students and copies are available; Liz Murray spoke about "From homeless to Harvard" at the Freshman Convocation; Upcoming events – there are 36 faculty development leaves for 07/08 and they are due by Monday October 23, 2006 at 5:00PM; the VP for Research announced additional money for start-ups in Arts and Humanities and announced \$116,000 for competitive research grants in the Arts and Humanities for faculty; Big XII fellowship awards are available up to \$2,500 and are for anyone who can collaborate with another Big XII school; nomination deadline for the President's Book Award (one \$5000 prize and two \$2,500 prizes) for any book written by faculty in 2005 copyright is Wednesday October 4, 2006; nomination deadline for the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award deadline is Friday October 13, 2006 with a \$10,000 prize; December 2006 commencement is Friday December 15 at 4:00 PM for Doctoral and Masters and the speaker is Ambassador Gregory Engle currently the Ambassador in Residence at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT Austin; Undergraduate Commencement is 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM and the speaker is Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams; the 2005-2006 academic year was very successful with 5923 degrees awarded which is an all time high.

Dr. Liz Hall (start time

Dr. Hall thanked all faculty for a smooth start to the semester; 90 of the 91 new faculty that were hired in Fall 2006 came and were entertained in an orientation at the start of the Fall semester; Ed Anderson left the TLTC and returned to the College of Engineering faculty; Debra Laverie was promoted to the new director for the TLTC; Six out of fifteen Service Learning grants from the Provost Office and the TLTC were funded to create or revise a course to include service learning; TTU was named as a the TSTEM center to teach teachers good science through a \$1 million grant, input needed contact Dean Fontaneau in Engineering; College of Engineering will undergo the National Accreditation of Teacher Education with cuts

across Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, CASNR, and Education; The Regent rules are reviewed every 10 years, 2006 is a review year. The TTU P&T document is part of the regent rules. The goal of this review is to strengthen, clarify, and reorganize confusing language; on November 3rd the Provost and President's Office will hold the second tenure academy for all untenured faculty; the Science Teacher Mathematics Academy was awarded a \$500,000 grant to develop a best practice for mentoring women in the STEM area; President's Committee on Gender Equity Issues is looking for a chair; The BOarg of Regents has indicated a 30,000 goal for student numbers and the student recruitment consulting reports are available through Stephanie Anderson's office; Associate Vice Provost Balch as Chief Recruiter for high end students has been added to staff; The Banner system (Connect Tech) has a glitch with entering course fees and meetings to resolve this issue will begin; we have increased foreign student Graduate Enrollment and Dr. Borelli may have monies available to bring students to campus;

VI. Old Business

a. Ad Hoc Committee on Child Care

Senator Alvarado will determine who is currently on this committee and will report back to the faculty senate.

b. Electronic Elections

Senator Wilde reported out of the four different software packages, one is superior and there is unanimous consensus. The committee will meet on September 27th to decide on package type. Electronic elections will be available to the faculty senate in the Spring 2007.

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Senator Spurrier is the new Chair of the Committee on Committees.

b. Senator Donahue indicated that there are conflicting reports on learning outcomes and that there is too much paperwork for the assessment of the learning outcomes. President Smith will ask Gil Reeve to a faculty senate meeting to discuss this issue.

c. Vice President of the Graduate Student Council Zeb Alexander asked if the faculty lounge could be used by graduate students. President will be advised on this issue.

VIII. Announcements

a. President Smith announced

i. New Senators were welcomed

ii. On September 14, 1006 there will be a University Faculty Meeting in Health Sciences Room 169

iii. Mary Jane Hurst announced the President lecture and performance series

iv. Committee on Committees was informed that the faculty senate officers would like to have Town Hall meetings to have an established time to visit and raise issues.

v. President Smith announced the HiTech is closing and sent an e-mail to Sam Segram asking where faculty, students, and peripheral groups could now get software

vi. The Reception was not set up for today but will be available for the next meetings

IX. Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.