The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 in the Senate Room in the Student Union Building, with President James Smith presiding.

Senators present were:

I. Call to Order. President James Smith called Meeting #265 to order at 3:21 PM, December 13, 2006.

II. Recognition of Guests. President Smith recognized the following guests: Vice Provost James Brink, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs Liz Hall Burns, Special Assistant to the President Mary Jane Hurst, Ombudsman Nathanael Haddox, Chancellor Kent Hance, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor Ben Lock, Provost Marcy, Special Assistant to the President Juan Munoz, Manager of Barnes and Noble Bookstore Joanna Koliba, Managing Director of the Student Union Matt Duckett, Elliott Blackburn – Media, Assistant Managing Director Information Systems Kerrie Iseral, Unit Associate Director of Admissions Dale Ganus, Associate Vice President Financial Affairs Thom Davis

III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #264 brought forward for approval by President Smith. Minutes approved.

IV. Invited Guests:
Chancellor Kent Hance
Immediate goals are to become familiar with constituents, students and faculty. Acknowledged Phi Beta Kappa accomplishment, indicated he would not sacrifice quality of education by increasing the number of students without increasing the number of faculty. Three goals – (1) increase money to help with faculty raises, to help with tuition costs, and to increase research funds; (2) earmark of $100,000 million here at TTU; (3) increase endowments to become more competitive with scholarships through fund raising by share holders, faculty and students (consumers)

Dr. Brink – to replace Kay Rhodes as speaker
Dale Ganus; Tom Davis; Kerrie Iseral – Connect Tech is a very ambitious system, waiting on a few updates left to install before begin wide spread training; the student system will be ready October 2007, Finance and Human Resources 2008; a portal has been purchased to have 1 access site to all WebCt, calendar, etc.; questions ensued about scantron issues and research and grant accountability; faculty will be kept up to date with all advances and problems.

Joanna Koliba
Registration Integration proposal – integrate registering for classes and an optional purchasing/reserving books from Barnes and Noble in one site; this would increase sales by $250,000 which a portion of all sales will return to University; 193.8% of students say that if they do not have an online option, they are less likely to buy books; questions ensued - Senator Held about why is this available solely to Barnes and Nobel and other bookstores should be an option; Senator Brooks – will this system to linked to SBS for scholarships – no; Senators Held and Drager indicated they would like to see a link indicate “purchase books from B&N” and indicate it is an “option”.

V. Old Business

a. Fall Break, Senator Smith
Senator Smith has been appointed to this committee and led discussion. Proposal is Friday Oct 12, and the stipulations include a 1 day trial period, exams from 7AM to 10:30PM, and an assessment following 2007 fall break determining effects on students with disabilities and number of students with too many finals in one day. Senator Donahue indicated Friday Oct 12th will not work for her department; Law school will not have fall break; Discussions ensued with Senators Drager, Lakhani, Malone, and Brooks on date and reasons for fall break; vote – yes 26, no 9. Passed by majority. Motion 1st Senator Held, 2nd Senator Wilde

b. Academic Standing Committee Report, Senator Blum
See [www.depts.ttu.edu/officialpublications/catalog/AcademicsProbation.html](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/officialpublications/catalog/AcademicsProbation.html) for approved report

c. Tenure Committee, President Smith
   The committee met this week and is progressing well. There will be another meeting in January and a report to the faculty senate in Feb.

d. OP 70.40
   Ronald Phillips will chair this committee. Senator Blum is on committee and they will meet Monday December 18th.

e. Committee Reports –
   Senator Wilde will meet with Dr. Marcy on January 9th to discuss electronic system.

VI. New Business

a. Phi Beta Kappa Resolution – Senator Doerfert – made motion, Senator Kavoshny – 2nd, vote – yes = all, no = none, unanimously approved

b. Senator Held suggested committee appointment for Barnes and Noble discussion

c. Senator Wilde – Gender and Equity Council met about exit interviews and even though an OP does exist it is not being followed, suggested committee appointment

VII. Announcements

a. Committee Assignments - Senator Kavoshny – committee C – Gil Reeve and Strategic Planning issues; Senator Olivarez – Faculty Status and Welfare Committee – Outside Consulting; Senator Wilde – Academic Programs Committee – Online teaching evaluations

b. Patty is improving in the hospital and may be home by the holidays

c. Senator Spurrier announced Senators Wilson and Harp are from the SW Collections and thanked them in advance of service

d. Senator Blum, liason to the Academic Council, announced there is a debate over what constitutes Academic Good Standing

VIII. Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

** Note – the complete tape recording from this meeting is available for anyone interested.