

**Texas Tech University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Meeting #266
January 10, 2007**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 in the Senate Room in the Student Union Building, with Vice President Shane Blum presiding.

Senators present were:

David Doerfert, Alon Kvashny, Gad Perry, James Davis, Matthew Gallegos, Lance Drager, Melanie Hart, John Miller, Charles Myles, Masha Rahnama, Rhonda Boros, Paul Carlson, Charles Grair, Lewis Held, Randall Jeter, Scott Hein, Ronald Bremer, Robert Ritchey, David Malone, Arturo Olivarez, Mary France Agnello, Joann Klinker, Nancy Maushak, Terry Collins, Gopal Lakhani, Uzi Mann, Javad Hashemi, Cherif Amor, Shane Blum, Jennifer Spurrier, Todd Chambers, Jimmie Reeves, Lynn Whitfield, Jane Ann Wilson, Genevieve Durham, Laurin Mann, Audra Morse, Christine Alvarado, Lawrence Mayer, Nancy Reed, Ben Shacklette, Gene Wilde

- I. Call to Order. Vice President Shane Blum called Meeting #266 to order at 3:27 PM, January 10, 2007.
- II. Recognition of Guests. Vice President Blum recognized the following guests: Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs James Brink, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Liz Hall-Burns, Special Assistant to the President Mary Jane Hurst, and Provost Marcy
- III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #265 brought forward for approval by President Smith. Minutes approved.
- IV. Invited Guests:

Provost Marcy

There are 2 agenda items this spring. 1. To implement methods of evaluating administrators and 2. Reincarnate the library committee. Questions ensued involving the Barnes and Nobel textbook online purchasing of textbooks, line items dollars for the library, status of Banner, reduction of hours to 120, and dean search committees.

V. Old Business

a. Committee Reports –

1. Senator Wilde indicated that the software for faculty elections is available, online, and has been tested.
2. Ad Hoc Committee on Administrator Evaluation (Senator Held). The OP lists list several items that can be used to evaluate administrators. However, they are very generic. The handout (Appendix 1) lists a smaller set of questions. Questions ensued about what happens to the information following collection, can we add questions, how will data be collected and used from the persons filling out the information, is this anonymous and need to have a more balanced Likert scale.
3. Fall Break – Senator Held. Discussed with Dr. Borelli having the Thursday classes affected by the fall break follow a MWF schedule

VI. New Business

- a. Senator Mayer noted that the faculty senate meeting in March is during Spring Break
- b. Contact Senator Perry if have any questions involving campus parking
- c. Committee D needs to set up a meeting
- d. Child Care Committee met and constructed a survey to determine needs, may require a budget
- e. Senator Held discussed the issue of capped classes and if they are creating problems. A discussion ensued and all problems should be related to Dr Hall-Burns. Senator Held would like to have this assigned to a committee for further review.
- f. Nominating Committee (Jane Wilson, Melanie Hart, and Tai Treidler) has met and is soliciting nominations. Vice President Blum spoke about the 3 positions of President, VP, and Secretary. All nominations are due Jan 19th.

VII. Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm.

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