

**Texas Tech University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Meeting #268
March 21, 2007**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 in the Senate Room in the Student Union Building, with President James Smith presiding.

Senators present were:

Gad Perry, James Carr, Matthew Gallegos, Lance Drager, Melanie Hart, John Miller, Masha Rahnama, Magdalena Toda, Rhonda Boros, Paul Carlson, Charles Grair, Satomi Niwayama, Lewis Held, Randall Jeter, Ronald Bremer, Robert Ritchey, David Malone, Arturo Olivarez, Mary France Agnello, Nancy Maushak, Gopal Lakhani, Michael Sobolewski, Cherif Amor, Shane Blum, Brent Shriver, Vaughn James, Jennifer Spurrier, Todd Chambers, Jimmie Reeves, Tai Kreidler, Lynn Whitfield, Jane Ann Wilson, Genevieve Durham, Laurin Mann, Paul Sharpe, Linda Donahue, James H. Smith, Christine Alvarado, Nancy Reed, Gene Wilde

- I. Call to Order. President James H. Smith called Meeting #268 to order at 3:17 PM, March 21, 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, Provost William Marcy, Ron Nail of the Staff Senate, Director of Operations Doug Chowning, Ben Maki of the Daily Toreador, Director of University Parking Eric Crouch
- III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #267 brought forward for approval by President Smith. Minutes changed and approved.
- IV. Invited Guests:

Eric Crouch, Director of University Parking - Eric Crouch identified that the 48% increase in parking fees is false. A parking garage is planned 4-5 years in the future. There is a proposed 3% increase in parking fees to offset operating costs (\$0.50 increase/ month for reserve and \$1 increase / month for garage passes). There is a \$216,000 additional funding increases for next year (60,000 debt services, pay increases are unknown but being planned, operating cost increase for inflation). To offset these costs, ½ will be from reserves and 87,000 from permit holders (3% increase). Funding for the garage is in the planning stages. To pay for the garage, early increase in fees along with grants and other options are being evaluated. The garage is not associated with the new BA building but to accommodate increase in faculty and staff growth. Questions ensued - Can building costs include parking? D. Chowning - If the building takes over existing parking spaces, then building costs must include parking. If not then the decision is not made by Operations. What is the master plan? There are no plans to close campus, other surface parking is planned instead of garages. Provost Marcy indicated that the report to the Board of Regents meetings will address increased enrollment to 40,000 (which does not include acquisitions) and the impact this increase will have on office spaces, parking, residence halls, etc. However, he also indicated that if we don't grow, we will lose revenue. The expansion of Jones stadium does not include a parking garage. There is a problem with a proliferation of handicap stickers given to students for 6 months periods. Some discussion ensued.

V. Elections

1. President Gene Wilde
2. Vice President – Nancy Reed
3. Secretary – Genevieve Durham

VI. Old Business

1. Electronic Elections – Senator Wilde and Patty Gisch - Carlene Kelly with IT will provide coding and we will be able to vote shortly.
2. Electronic evaluations of administrators – Senator Wilde - postponed until later this week. Open-ended questions will not be confidential so they must be removed. Pres. Whitmore needs to consider questions before we proceed. Senator Malone indicated that there are some financial questions that may not be able to be answered. S. Wilde indicated that you have to answer each question but there is an option out answer.
3. Child Care Committee – Senator Toda – 2 options for survey- Tech announce and paper copy. Before May 1st, option to survey and repost needs of child care, how needs are satisfied currently.

VII. New Business

1. Senator Wilde suggestion of reconsidering faculty ombudsmen. 9 of 12 Big XII schools have them. Only TTU has nothing available to faculty. Cherif Amor will attend informational conference soon. Senator Held indicated that having the ombudsmen salary paid by administration was a conflict of interest.
2. Board of Regents money – the BOR has not decided if they will develop such a fund but there is no money left to do so.

3. San Angelo state University – The AJ reported we will be obtaining San Angelo. Chancellor Hance and Senator Duncan had no knowledge of this acquisition.

VIII. Announcements:

- a. April 11th at 4:00 Phi Beta kappa induction ceremony in the Allen Theatre with reception following
- b. Senator Held thanked Dr. Marcy for the decision about the business school.

IX. Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

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