

**Texas Tech University Faculty Senate
Meeting # 291, November 18, 2009**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, in the Senate Room in the Student Union Building, with President Richard Meek presiding.

Senators present were: Farmer, Johnson, Anderson, Drager, Hart, Harter, Iyer, Koch, McComb, Roeger, Toda, Weinlich, Wong, Boal, Pasewark, Ritchey, Crews, Hendricks, Janisch, Pratt, Darwish, Giesselmann, Mengel, Tomlinson, Blum, Fowler, Sharp, Kelleher, River, Chambers, Paschall, Peoples, Gelber, CM Smith, Tate, Loudon, Price, Spallholz and Warner. Senators excused were: Cox, Fallwell, Senators unexcused are: Hill, Rex, Boros, McFadden, Tacon, Fox, Mathis, Laughlin, Skerik, Ajlouni, Heinz, Syma and Watson.

1. **Call to Order:** Richard Meek, President, called the meeting to order at 3:19 pm.
2. **Recognition of Guests:** President Meek recognized guests: Vicki West of the office IRIM, Matt Baker; Dean of the College of Outreach and Distance Education, Amanda Todd, Kathy Oats and Rob Stewart of the Provost's Office. President Meek recognized two new Faculty Senate Members, Dr. Debra Fowler of Human Sciences and Dr. Mukaddes Darwish of Engineering. Senator Giesselmann served a Parliamentarian for the meeting in Gene Wilde's absence.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** President Meek called for additions and corrections to the minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting # 290 held on October 14th. Hearing none, Senator Pratt moved to have the Minutes of the #290 meeting of the Faculty Senate approved and the minutes were adopted by voice vote.
4. **President Meek** addressed the Senate about confidentiality in the on-line evaluation of administrators by faculty and said he had been asked how the evaluation confidentiality is handled. With that premise he introduced Vicki West, Managing Director for Institutional Research and Management and also Kathy Austin in the back of the room in the audience.
5. **Ms. West** passed out a handout and addressed the issue of confidentiality and data storage of the Faculty Evaluations of Administrators in this the third enumeration started 3 years ago. Software is Imquist that assigns a unique URL ID. Past survey data is stored in the data warehouse with responses given a specific random URL number that related to the respondents computer ID. People could trace back but have never done so. Data remains confidential, but not fully anonymous. Data set up with the help of the GCs office. Very few comments are given. After time the unique URL data is deleted. There are no deadlines for the present paper ballots outstanding but after 2-3 reminders to Faculty the process of data accumulation is closed. A question arose if data could be focused by Faculty Rank when data goes to the Dean's. Yes, data could be provided by rank by Dean's or others. Most responders are senior Faculty. Most comments are favorable. The last paper ballots provided for a 29% response; a good over-all response from Faculty is about 20%.

Senator River asked if the evaluation data would be available and correspond to Annual Evaluations in January? Probably not, will have to wait for this year's record until next fall. Just finished the second enumeration. Maybe next January but not likely. The process takes time to conclude throughout the fall as responses were slow in coming in.

6. **President Meek then introduced Dr. Matt Baker; Dean of the College of Outreach and Distance Education. (A handout of the College's Programs was provided)**

Dean Baker provided updates on the College's activities and off campus locations that included:

- 1, A approved name change by the BOR to University College pending the Higher Education Board approval,
2. Appointment of 2-post-doctoral students to the two outreach stations one at the Llano River Hill Station on water issues for the Hill Country. Second position not filled yet.
3. A College of Education Program with Mountain View in Dallas and Richland College in Dallas.
4. An agreement with Tarrant County CC for with the College of Education.
5. The College (3rd campus only) to have 3-D animated IT server.
- 6 A new Director at TTU Junction Center. Robert Stubblefield is the new Director. Faculty can take classes to Junction and have salary, travel and housing expenses paid. Contact the College.
7. An enrollment of 77,000 at TTU High School students with 25 new on-line courses. Many students from Brazil with 12 schools. All students get a TTU personal letter of invitation to look at TU for attendance following graduation.
8. Establishment of a new TTU grant and facility at the Abilene Scholl District with the College of Engineering. It's a new high tech school.

Questions followed the presentation: What's the draw in Brazil? Course taught in English. How does our Distant Education High School compare with other? They are all different, with room for improvement. Valerie Paton addressed the new Education program. There is a new degree in Education with BYU being the biggest High School system; TTU program is larger than UT,NE, and OK. Question: Is testing on-line? Yes.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

Todd Chambers was introduced as a stage-four cancer survivor and challenged the Faculty to participate in the Rely for Life to raise funds for cancer treatment and families (see handout). The Annual event is scheduled for April 10-11, 2010 at Urbnovsky Park on campus. Kathy Oats, American Cancer Society, and Amanda Todd, TTU student and alumna, both explained the events program and answered questions.

Question. (unaudible) Amanda commented on fighting back against cancer with a special remembrance ceremony.

Question. (unaudible) Check the ACS website for research grants.

Announcements:

President Meeks suggested that the Faculty Senate invite Mayor Tom Martin to talk about TTU 40,000 student goal and Lubbock's future growth.

International Affairs Council; Dr. Comfort Pratt gave her report and it is attached.

Provosts Council Meeting Janet May gave a report on Family Medical Leave Act, 26 weeks of leave, Medical Leave, Military leave and Human Resources will address other questions. HR Office can answer any additional questions.

Sandy Rivers spoke on terms of the old and new OP. 32.01/32.05 and hopes to have a new draft incorporating into the new draft some of the older OP language. Regent's rule ?? (mostly un audible). Maybe sandy can fill in.

Other Business. None.

Announcements: A meeting was held on the Fall Break committee suggesting that Fall Break be held the week of Columbus Day each year.

A Thank you were expressed by President Meek to Sandy River for her work in reviewing meeting minutes.

A Thank you were expressed by President Meek to Patty Gisch for obtaining today's refreshments.

Faculty Senate will meet at its usual time in December.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the 291th meeting of the Faculty Senate was made by Senator Loudon and seconded by Senator Cox. The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.