The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, in the Senate room in the Student Union Building, with President Richard Meek presiding.


1. **Call to Order:** Richard Meek, President, called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm.

2. **Recognition of Guests:** President Meek recognized guests: Dr. Valerie Paton and of the Office of Planning and Assessment; and Dr. Gilbert Weaver, Superintendent; TTUISD, University College. Dr. Lewis Held, Biology and Gene Wilde served as our Parliamentarian.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** President Meek called for any addition and corrections to the minutes of the 291st meeting of the Faculty Senate. Hearing none, he called for approval of the minutes of Meeting # 291 held on November 18, 2009. Senator Johnson made the motion for approval of the minutes as written. The minutes were accepted by voice acclamation.

4. **Introduction of** Dr. Gilbert Weaver, Superintendent; TTUISD, University College was introduced by President Meek.

5. President Meek spoke to the fact that he had just been in Brazil and learning about TTU’s presence there from the last meeting he had invited Dr. Gilbert Weaver, Superintendent; TTUISD, University College to come and speak to the Faculty Senate about the TTUISD. Superintendent Weaver provided a handout to the Senators. Dr. Weaver gave some background on his 50 years in Education, the last 13 with TTU. TTU was approved by the Texas Legislature to be the official accredited Home School for the State of Texas. TTUISD is a K-12 school like any other public school with 1800 full-time Texas students. The supplementary program serves some 90,000 additional students throughout the US and Texas. Student’s get their High School education while at home. Most students are non-traditional home schooled students. Several examples of the types of students served were given. Several in house schools use the TTU curriculum with all the tests and grades given by the TTUISD faculty. Students must pass exams to graduate.

The TTUISD also serve students across the world. The Brazil program grew of the need of parents in private schools to see that their student children would learn English. TTUISD issues to Brazilian students a US High School Diploma. The students are excellent. Students take 4 years of English, classes in US Government, US History and a computer course along with a speech class. Students must pass the TASP test. Science, mathematics and physics are the major thrust of the Brazilian school curriculum; TTUISD has now completed 10 years in Brazil with the addition of several new schools now numbering 13 Private Schools in total. Dr. Gilbert Weaver recently attended a high school graduation in Brazil. Approximately 700 students will be enrolled in the TTUISD program in the coming year. One-hundred sixty-six students graduated last year from the TTUISD in Brazil. TTU hopes to recruit some of these Brazilian students for TTU graduate school, with emphasis in medicine, law and business.

Dr. Weaver addressed several questions regarding in state tuition, SAT test scores and TOFEL tests. SAT of TTUISD exceeds 1150. Teachers in TTUISD are from Lubbock and the local/regional IS Districts. Students run the full spectrum of students both academically and by
President Meek thanked Dr. Weaver and commented on the availability to recruit students from Brazil.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

Study Committee B: Senator Heinz. Committee drafted a resolution on Library Open Access. The resolution was read by President Meek:

Whereas Texas Tech University is recognized as an emerging research institution and strives for Tier One status;

And, whereas Texas Tech will be a research-intensive institution where faculty discovery enhances learning;

And, whereas Texas Tech is committed to the values of academic and intellectual freedom;

And, whereas publication in open access journals and repositories is an increasingly effective option for scholarly communication;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate urges all faculty to deposit preprint or postprint copies of articles in an university-sponsored digital repository, such as the Texas Tech University Library’s Think Tech.

The Faculty Senate urges all faculty to negotiate with the journals in which they publish to either retain copyright rights, or to retain at a minimum the right of postprint archiving.

President Meek asked for amendments. One question was asked about private contracting and publication, an issued that had been addressed by Committee B. Senator Wong moved to accept the resolution. The resolution was accepted by voice acclamation.

Report of Committee A: Committee A has dealt with language changes in the Tenure OP #32. These changes in the OP were handed out and one section was not underlined in yellow. Senator River gave a report on the OP merging of language in the present and Board of Regents version of the OP. (see Committee A attachments) posted on web

The Committee A recommendations will go to the administration and be returned to the Senate. Motion was made by Senator Giesselmann and seconded by Senator Tate to open the floor for discussion of the Committee’s recommendation of changes to the OP. Questions were then asked about post-tenure review. Had anyone ever been dismissed because of post-tenure review? No one knew of any such action taken in A&S. Faculty may have resigned, retired or been given an opportunity for additional training as a result of post-tenure review.

Motion to accept Committee A draft was made and seconded with the President’s caveat that the local AAUP Chapter had also provided incite to the draft resolution. The motion was to accept the draft of Committee A and forward it on the Provost’s office in which it would be returned to the Senate at a later
time for further deliberation over the language of the OP on Tenure. The motion was carried by voice vote of the Senate.

Library Committee Report was not be made but will be made at a later date.

Announcements:

**Sound the Trumpet:**

Tech Debate Team recently ranked #1 in the Nation:
- Adam Testerman placed #1
- Brian Horton placed #2 in Colorado

Grammy Nominations:
- Susan Graham-Best Classical Vocal Performance
- Pam Elrod (former faculty) and Dana Coakwell (now at Yale University) members of Consiprare in Concert on Harmonia Mundi Best Classical Crossover Album

Horn Professor William Westney-subject to ten minute special on Denmark public television.

William Ballenger, chair of our School of Music wanted to make sure we were aware that for our men’s Basketball success at 9-0 is because of the high quality of our Pep Band—“fewer missed notes translates into fewer missed baskets.”

Senator Wong made an announcement of a program Honoring Dr. Ron Rainger: On January 11, 2010, a group of esteemed and internationally renowned historians of science and technology will be participating in a symposium honoring the influence and life’s work of Dr. Ronald Rainger, Department of History, Texas Tech University. Scholars will present academic papers and talk about the effects Dr. Rainger has had in their lives and in their research. This all day symposium will be held Monday, January 11th at the Escondido Theater in the Student Union Building beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Rainger also served as Faculty Senator and has been a constant and vibrant presence in the university community. Please come join us in honoring Dr. Ronald Rainger.

Dec 15th music program will be presented by the TTU Brass Quintet at St John’s.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the 292th meeting of the Faculty Senate was made and seconded by Senator Cox. The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm until the New Year, 2010.