

**Texas Tech University Faculty Senate  
Meeting # 293, January 13, 2010**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, in the Senate Room in the Student Union Building, with President Richard Meek presiding.

Senators in attendance were: Farmer, Johnson, Anderson, Boros, Drager, Fallwell, Hart, Harter, Iyer, Koch, McComb, McFadden, Schmidt, Toda, Weinlich, Pasewark, Ritchey, Crews, Hendricks, Janisch, Pratt, Darwish, Giesselmann, Lakhani, Mengel, Blum, Fowler, Lauderdale, Kelleher, Laughlin, Soonpaa, Oliver, River, Chambers, Peoples, Gelber, Santa, CM Smith, Tate, Heinz, Meek, Price, Spallholz, Syma and Warner. Senators excused were: Cox, Colwell, Sharp, Davis and Paschall. Senators unexcused were: Hill, Rex, Mosher, Rahnama, Roeger, Tacon, Wong, Boal, Helm, Mathis, Skerik, Ajlouni, Loudon and Watson.

**I. Call to Order:** Richard Meek, President, called the meeting to order at 3:18 PM.

**II. Recognition of Guests:** President Meek recognized guests: Ambassador Tibor Nagy, Vice-Provost for International Affairs; Dr. Valerie Paton of the Office of Planning and Assessment; Dr. Gary Elbow of the Provost's Office; and Mr. Sam Segran, Associate VP for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer. Yung Ng, Shannon Cepica, Danny Mar and from the Daily Toreador; Joeann Bon-Jorno.

**III. Approval of Minutes:** President Meek called for any additions and/or corrections to the minutes of the 292<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate. Hearing none, he called for approval of the minutes of Meeting # 292 held on December 9, 2009. A motion was made for approval of the minutes as written. The minutes were accepted by voice acclimation.

**IV. Introduction of Speakers**

Speaker, Ambassador Tibor Nagy:

With President Meek's preliminary comments about reviewing International recruiting programs he introduced Ambassador Nagy.

Ambassador Nagy commented with humor on the similarities of his past Congressional appearances and US Senate confirmation hearings and his pending Faculty Senate Presentation. Ambassador Nagy explained the present TTU's administrations "Vision and Mission" Global perspectives go way beyond the "Caprock" vision of the past.

TTU students and faculty are now going out into the World with International Centers in Spain and Germany. There were 40 lead faculty trips of 784 students with Study Abroad trips last year many with travel scholarships. Ambassador Nagy plugged the International Center (IC) Office for acquiring US Passports for students and faculty with better than US State Department service, including photos.

Ambassador Nagy provided a PowerPoint presentation of TTU's Educational centers and the surrounding areas. There is an exchange program with TTU/TTUHSC and the University in Lanchow, China. Growth in TTU students studying abroad has doubled since 1994. TTU is lacking in undergraduate student distribution compared to other universities. TTU's foreign graduate students comprise 82% of the present foreign student population. TTU needs to increase proportionately, the numbers of undergraduate foreign students.

Ambassador Nagy addressed the problems associated with Homeland Security and the new and present difficulties of dealing with the political security pressures. He expressed appreciation to Chancellor Hance for opening his residence to foreign students for a reception this last fall semester. The IC tries to bring in excellent outside speakers. Ambassador Nagy addressed ICASALS and the importance of food and water, and TTU's expertise in dry land agricultural research.

Ambassador Nagy again lamented that TTU is at the bottom of enrollment of undergraduate students among other institutions. Graduate student enrollment at TTU compared to other universities is average in comparison to other universities. TTU has just added an International Recruiter to improve undergraduate foreign student enrollment. TTU is the first university in Texas to offer a Peace Corps MS International degree. A student can obtain an MS degree in either Agriculture or Education, and with a foreign language they can automatically get a Peace Corp tour.

In the future TTU wants to expand student recruitment to Vietnam, Mexico, Turkey, and several unspecified countries in central Asia. Ambassador Nagy expressed his desire to see a Confucius Institute on campus and an Arabic Center in the Middle East similar to the ones in Spain and Germany. There is a need to cultivate International Alumni and institutions. TTU needs to become more internationally friendly to foreign students. More resources are needed as at Texas A&M that has resources to recruit foreign students with waiver of in-state tuition and fees.

Ambassador Nagy concluded his PowerPoint Presentation with numerous questions being asked such as; why do you want to pay tuition and fees for foreign students? Answer. Because many foreign students bring talent. What about more recruitment from Eastern Europe? Answer. The Chess Club helps with that recruitment; Comment: Some faculty have been discouraged from recruiting foreign students. Ans. should not be the case. Ambassador Nagy noted it's hard to get TTU students to China but Chinese students easily come here. Ambassador Nagy reiterated his interest in a Chinese Government funded Confucius Institute for Lubbock. Formal TTU agreements will expand foreign student enrollment and education will continue to become a global enterprise.

President Richard Meek thanked Ambassador Nagy for his presentation and introduced Mr. Sam Segrn, Associate VP for Information Technology noting there had been a very good, IT Division meetings over the holidays.

Mr. Segrn began his PowerPoint presentation noting that he came to TTU as a student some 22 years ago. Mr. Segrn continued noting that his office does many different things for the University but does not oversee Banner. His presentation was in a PowerPoint Format and he commenced by introducing an organizational chart of his office and staff. He addressed IT Help and noted that that diversion handled about

160,000 Help calls last year. In addition to email issues there is a Technology Assessment Committee. They meet monthly to keep TTU current in technology and State of Texas mandates that fall within IT directives. There are numerous other Standing Committees one which includes Faculty Senate President. There are numerous external groups with which IT works to increase computing power as an example. It adheres to University directives, and publishes all activities of IT with the State of Texas. IT now has a contact person working with State mandates for IT compliance. Some funds from vendors are returned to scholarship funds. IT works with Valerie Paton on Digital Measures. Mr. Segrán recognized past awards received by staff members of IT to include the supercomputing center.

IT twice per year will take up all discarded paperwork from campus and have it shredded. IT shredded about 15 tons of paper last year. IT now has and administers a campus wide iPhone application. High Performance Computing (HPC) for research is a big IT responsibility and last year TTU became #10 on the national HPC list. The Physics Department works with CERN and much digital physics data flows into TTU from Europe. IT has done 300 special reports in addition to regular operations. It tries to be very service oriented and provide proactive friendly services. IT is measured by their customer service efforts and satisfaction. Customer IT problems are usually solved on the first incoming support call. IT office supports enrollment and enrollment/information management. Huge numbers of on line information requests is exchanged with the web. Presently, terabits of information are exchanged each year and growing, searches and emails, etc. IT archives all information for potential retrieval.

President Meek thanked Mr. Segrán for his presentation on the operation and responsibilities of the IT Office and asked if there was any Old Business to report on.

**V. Old Business:** There was none.

**VI. New Business:**

### **Resolution for Coach Mike Leach**

President Meek presented the Resolution for Football Coach Mike Leach for his years of Service to Texas Tech University and asked for comments on the Resolution proposed for Faculty Senate affirmation. President Meek then read the Mike Leach Resolution;

**WHEREAS** Mike Leach has put academics first in his program and led Texas Tech to the highest ranking NCAA graduation success rate for BCS football programs among public institutions in the country; and

**WHEREAS** the Red Raider football program has been recognized by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) as one of the nation's top academic performers for consistently having a graduation rate at or above 70 percent; and

**WHEREAS** in 2006, the Red Raider's 80 percent graduation rate made it one of only 29 football programs in all of Division I-A, and one of the four Big XII programs, to be so honored by the association; and

**WHEREAS** since his arrival, student-athletes in Coach Leach's program have earned five of the eight Big XII Community Champion Awards claimed by Texas Tech; and

**WHEREAS** he has raised the profile of the city and the school, has appeared on "60 Minutes" and been profiled in the New York Times Magazine; and

**WHEREAS** he has won 84 games in the last ten seasons to become the winningest football coach in Texas Tech University history and is one of only sixteen active college football coaches who have never had a losing season; and

**WHEREAS** in the past 10 years, Tech has been to 10 straight bowl games with a winning record, and has the third best record in the Big 12 Conference; and

**WHEREAS** in the past 10 years there have been more than 150 NCAA, Big 12 and school records broken during his tenure as Texas Tech's head coach; and

**WHEREAS** he has been named Big Twelve Coach of the Year and coached student-athletes to 2 Fred Biletnikoff Awards, 1 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, 1 Mosi Tatupu Award, and 3 Sammy Baugh Trophies;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate meeting this day, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 congratulates Mike Leach on his many accomplishments and expresses its appreciation for the contributions he has made to the university over the past decade.

Questions: Who wrote it and how accurate is it? Where did the data come from? President Meek said that much of the resolution was penned by him and the data came from at least 30 separate varied sources. With no additional comments President Richard Meek ask for a motion to accept the resolution. Minor changes in wording and corrections to the resolution were suggested and adopted following a motion to accept the Resolution. Concern over the Resolution was expressed because of the present ongoing litigation over Coach Leach's dismissal by the University. President Meek expressed his opinion that the resolution was not being judgmental but was solely proposed for the embodiments as stated in the Resolution itself. A question was raised if the Student Senate had passed similar resolutions? That was unknown. A question was asked about the Faculty Senate tradition of such resolutions. President Meek said that the Faculty Senate had a long history of such resolutions. It was stated again that the Mike Leach Resolution had no relationship to the litigation. It was stated that student athlete' academics had improved under Coach Leach's tutelage over his tenure. Concern was expressed over the public view that the Faculty Senate passed this resolution in light of the ongoing litigation. President Meek said again that the Resolution is not related to the present litigation situation and that Coach Leach has had a very high graduation rate. It was noted that Coach Leach in addition to having coached great players over the year he had brought great notoriety to the University and yet concerns over the vote remained. It was noted that other faculty had been recognized for their University service who were exiting under less that amicable circumstances.

President Meek called for a voice vote which was taken and which did not audibly accept the motion. President Meek asked if there was interest in a motion to table the Resolution.

Parliamentarian Wilder noted the vote had been taken and that all that was needed was a show of hands to confirm the vote taken was either up or down. Hands were counted; there were 16 votes in favor of the motion, 13 opposed, the remaining Senators assumed to have abstained. Discussion ensued over Roberts Rules and whether there could be a motion to reconsider the issue. A motion to reconsider was moved but the voice votes affirmative/against were first recounted, 16 for the resolution; 13 against the Resolution. A motion to reconsider needed to come from an affirmative voting Senator. Senator Johnson made the motion to reconsider the vote, seconded by Senator Rivers. The motion to reconsider the Mike Leach Resolution was voted upon to reopen the discussion. The vote was 29 out of 59 senators to reconsider. A 2/3 majority was not obtained so the motion to reconsider the Mike Leach Resolution failed. The Resolution as amended was affirmed.

President Meek then called for consideration and commented on the Faculty Senate Resolution for Regent Mark Griffin. President Meek then read the Resolution for Regent Mark Griffin;

**WHEREAS**, Mark Griffin graduated from Texas Tech University Law School in 1979, and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Griffin was appointed to the Texas Tech Board of Regents on March 21, 2005 by Governor Rick Perry, and

**WHEREAS**, he served as the chairman of the Board's Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee, and

**WHEREAS**, he was a vital source of the growth of academics on Texas Tech's campus, and

**WHEREAS**, he worked diligently for transparency and better communication between faculty and administration during his four and half years of service,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Faculty Senate meeting this day, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 makes known its appreciation and gratitude for his service to Texas Tech's Board of Regents and Texas Tech University.

Minor discussion followed the reading of the resolution and President Meek asked for a motion and second to accept the Resolution for Regent Mark Griffin. Motions were made and without further objections President Meek called for a voice vote in favor of the resolution which passed without any audible no votes.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### **Library Committee Report:**

Senator Weinlich reported on a December 2, 2009 Library Committee meeting. The three major issues on the agenda were; Funding and Outlook for Year, the Consolidation of the Southwest and Special Collections Library and Development. The library has had to cut back on purchase of new books, an action rescinded on November 31st. The library is short of Librarians because of the loss of Health Funds for the fiscal year. Replacement of these lost funds have been

promised by the University but not yet delivered. The Library is mainly funded by student fees and Departments. Because of the increases in scholarships all Departments have not provided their operating funds to the Library. The current student fee is \$15 per year and \$24 is really needed to operate the Library. Concern was expressed by Dean Dyal over Library accreditation. A new meeting of the Library Committee is set for February 4<sup>th</sup>. The last item briefly discussed by Dean Dyal and the Committee was the establishment of a digital repository for research for TTU faculty. President Meek called for questions. Some suggestions were for Dean Dyal to perhaps appear before the Faculty Senate and make a presentation on the Library.

Provost Council Report:

President Meek then addressed the Provost Council Management Report. President Meek noted this was a management work in progress. Reaching a point where we may ask President Bailey to address where this management program is evolving. President Meek hopes that a progress report can be made in a Jan-Feb timeframe. Perhaps even at a special non-formal meeting of the Faculty Senate might be convened for such a presentation. President Meek sought input on whether the Senate could meet at the same time on an alternate Wednesday not scheduled for a Faculty Senate meeting. This objective and search for a date and time will be handled by email.

Academic Counsel Report:

The motion to delete the Bachelors of Science in Health program, Clarity of the Assistant and Associate Dean's salaries will be based upon proportional workload. Residual departmental salaries will be used to hire additional temporary Instructors.

VII. **New Business.** None reported

VIII. **Announcements:**

TTU Saxophone ensemble received first place in Regional competition & headed for Nationals.

IX. **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the **292<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Faculty Senate was made and seconded. The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.