

**Texas Tech University Faculty Senate
Meeting # 313, March 22, 2012**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, March 22, 2012 in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building, with **Faculty Senate President Daniel Nathan** presiding.

Senators in attendance were: Kvashny, Mills, Perry, Davis, Perl, Biglaiser, Cristina Bradatan, Borshuk, Fallwell, Held, Lee, Lodhi, McFadden, Mosher, Nathan, Rahnama, Weinberg, Wilde, Wong, Buchheit, Janisch, Todd, Valle, Bayne, Darwish, Watson, Wang, Collier, Fowler, Loewy, Ross, Callender, Heinz, Monroe, Syma, River, Whitfield, Bradley, Chambers, Chansky, Duffy and Marks, Senators excused were: Ballou, Kucera, Mills, Ajlouni, Boros, Durband, Rice, Schmidt, Surles, Stodden, Loudon, Youn, Woods, Coward, Bremer, Boal, Costica Bradatan, Gilliam, Martin and Tate.

I. Call to Order:

Daniel Nathan, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:21 PM.

II. Recognition of Guests:

Faculty Senate President Nathan recognized our guests: From the Provost office: Provost Bob Smith, Gary Elbow, and Rob Stewart. Other visitors were James Hodgins from HR/ Communications & Marketing, Newly elected Faculty Senate for 2012-2013 academic year, Amy Mondt from the Vietnam Center, Huazhong Shi from Chemistry and Biochemistry and Mitzi Lauderdale from PFP in Human Sciences. John Howe, Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Faculty Senate President Nathan called for any corrections or changes to the minutes of meeting #312 held on February 8, 2012, minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. Announcement:

Faculty Senate President Nathan: Stated President Bailey requested a special meeting with the Faculty Senate prior to the next scheduled meeting to discuss the proposed Business Plan 2012-2020. The budget is designed to move TTU to an AAU-like status. There was not discussion. (The meeting is scheduled on the: April 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Escondido Theatre in the SUB.)

V. Speaker: Dr. Alice Young, VPR on OP 70.37 update.

NIH is requiring all researchers associated with NIH grants to be in compliance with the NIH Disclosure of Significant Business of Financial Interests that may Represent Conflicts of Interest. There are two existing models:

1. All university faculty must comply with NIH standards.
2. Only faculty associated with NIH must comply

President Nathan assigned the issue to the Research Committee.

VI. Reports from University Councils/Committees & Liaisons

Faculty Senator Aliza Wong, Faculty Senate Research Committee:

OP 70.37: Disclosure of Significant Business of Financial Interests that may Represent Conflicts of Interest:

The committee finds the proposed change to the OP (requiring those faculty members who are applying or are holding NIH grants to fill out additional information and disclosure statements) to be the most effective and most amenable way of handling the major changes instituted by the NIH. The committee

looks forward to seeing the amended OP and will vote on the changes to the OP once they have seen a working draft.

On the issue of Digital Measures Reporting for Responsible Conduct of Research Safety Education:

The committee commends the working group for allowing individual professors to report extraordinary and superior work in ensuring safe lab and work conditions for students, faculty, and staff. The committee does not have any objections to this reporting, especially if the process is clear, precise, and streamlined so as not to overburden already heavily taxed faculty.

However, the committee would like the working group to clarify and further discuss the following issues:

1. Departments need to be clear and precise about the standard of safety expectations on faculty members.
2. Should all departments who have labs, machinery, etc. that require safety procedures have a standing safety committee that continues to discuss changes in protocol, training, emergency procedures, etc.?
3. What are the rewards or repercussions in this reporting in Digital Measures?

VII. Old Business

Faculty Senator Lewis Held: OP32.01- corrections to OP32.01 were presented to faculty senate, after a short discussion, the OP was passed unanimously.

Faculty Senator Marshall Watson: Presented a proposal an amendment to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate for e-balloting.

The following section will be added to the Bylaws, with the current Section 10 (Adoption and Amendment) becoming Section 11.

“Section 10. Methods of Communication

If a vote of the Faculty Senate is urgently required for an important matter which, in the opinion of the Faculty Senate President, cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting of the senate, then the Faculty Senate President may, with the approval of the Agenda Committee, poll the Faculty Senate by electronic mail (e-mail), including scanned documents or facsimile attachments relevant to the issue in question. Such a vote shall only be taken after the Faculty Senate President provides to all Faculty Senators (1) an explicit justification for the need for such an action, (2) pros and cons of the issue at stake, and (3) an opportunity for e-mail deliberations among Faculty Senators for at least one week prior to the official vote.” The resulting vote will be made public by posting the final tally on the Faculty Senate webpage. Minutes shall also be prepared and posted by the Faculty Senate Secretary of the Faculty Senate that summarizes the main points of the e-mail deliberations.

Discussion ensued regarding the adherence to parliamentary procedure.

Faculty Senate President Nathan: Asked Senator Watson to revise the proposed amendment based on the discussion.

VIII. New Business:

Faculty Senator Carole Janisch: Announced the slate of officers for 2012-2013:

President: Daniel Nathan-Philosophy

Vice President: Samuel Bradley-Mass Communications

Secretary: Sandy Rivers & Carrye Syma-both from the Library

Faculty Senate President Nathan: The election for the officers will be at the April 11, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting.

IX. Announcements: There were no other announcements

X. Adjournment a motion moved to adjourn at 4:25 p.m.