

**Texas Tech University Faculty Senate
Meeting # 315, May 9, 2012**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building, with **Faculty Senate President Daniel Nathan** presiding.

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

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, Valerie Paton 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, Mitzi Lauderdale from PFP in Human Sciences, Phillip Smith from TIEHH, Wes Cochran for Law School, and Gerald Dolter from Music. A reporter from the Avalanche Journal, guest speaker John Kirby from KTTZ TV & FM. AAUP President Richard Meek, Dr. Alice Young from OVPR along with Amy Baugh; Dr. Marianne Evola, Dr. Craig Morton and Elaina Cantrell from the Office of Planning and Assessment.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Faculty Senate President Nathan called for any corrections or changes to the minutes of meeting #314 held on April 11, 2012, minutes were approved.

IV. Speaker: Provost Bob Smith

Distributed 2011 report from the 2012-2020 strategic plan. The University has made progress, identified challenges and set strategies for meeting the 2020 goals. The key measures were compared to our peer group, and we have optimistic projections of certification as a National Research University in the next two months. We also are making progress to become an AAU university.

Speaker: John Kirby, Director of KTTZ television station and KOFM radio station.

Purpose to keep public broadcasting available on this campus and the region. Several programs have benefited Texas Tech and the surrounding community include Literacy Lubbock, a documentary on WWII Glider Pilots, a mini-documentary on the Masked Rider, and programs about TTU athletes and musicians. One of the largest collections of classical music is held by the KOFM.

Strategies to improve finances of the stations:

- Increase underwriting by business partners
- Increase the number of members and viewers
- Consolidate staff and expenses of radio and television stations which trimmed budget by 10%.

NPR news programming is #1 choice of college-educated individuals over 18 years. Mr. Kirby fielded questions regarding programming on both the television station and radio station. He also stated they should be at full staff in June with five-full time employees. There is no current risk of losing NPR, the biggest challenge is financial.

Speaker: Dr. Alice Young, OP 70:37, Conflict of Interest

- Revisions necessitated by NIH policies
- Discussion followed regarding the policing of this policy.
- Discussion of the reporting of adherence to Safety Protocols and Research and Training Education in Digital Measures. Faculty Senate Study Committee A reviewed the policy to determine the appropriate platform in Digital Measures.
- FS Research Committee is vetting the content to be reported in Digital Measures.
- Faculty Senator Aliza Wong, chair of the FS Research Committee stated the committee is also reviewing the opportunity for negative consequences if a faculty member chooses not to report.
- In response to a question about who has access to information on Digital Measures Dr. Valerie Paton, Vice Provost for Planning and Assessment, reported Digital Measures is housed in a private server, Iron Mountain Security.
- Elaina Cantrell, Senior Program Administrator of Office of Planning and Assessment, stated they control the filter which releases or hides fields. These fields will not be available to the general public.

V. Reports from University Councils/Committees & Liaisons:

Senator Wong: The Research Committee supports the recommended changes in OP 70:37. The committee voted and accepted the changes.
The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to accept the changes.

Senator Watson: Reported on the E-Balloting Amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws. Senators voted via paper ballot sent through the campus mail. 49 yeas, 3 nay, 1 abstention. The Faculty Senate Bylaws are amended to accept the possibility of E-Balloting.

VI. Old Business

Senator Held: OP 32:13, the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee reviewed and approved the revisions to OP 32:13, The Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed unanimously by the full Faculty Senate.

New Business

Senator Held: Introduced OP 32##, Fifth Year Review of Deans and asked Provost Smith to elaborate.

Provost Smith: While SACs requires periodic reviews of all Deans, this has been an informal procedure in the past. Deans serve at the pleasure of the Provost and may be asked at any time to step down. However, the formal procedure outlined in the new OP allows for a more regular and comprehensive review of the Deans. Discussion ensued regarding the evaluation of deans on this campus and the composition of the constituents queried during a dean's review. The current deans have seen and approved of the OP. The new OP also provides Deans the opportunity to ask for an in-depth review.

Senator Held: The committee recommends acceptance of the OP. The OP was passed unanimously by the full Faculty Senate.

Senator Held thanked the committee, particularly Senator Sandy River. He asked that she remain in the thoughts and prayers of the Faculty Senators.

VII. Announcements: There were no announcements

VIII. Adjournment a motion moved to adjourn passed 4:25 p.m.