Texas Tech University Faculty Senate
Meeting # 307, September 14, 2011

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building, with Faculty Senate President Daniel Nathan presiding.

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

I. Call to Order:
Daniel Nathan, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:18 PM.

II. Recognition of Guests:
Faculty Senate President Nathan recognized our guests: From the Provost office: Provost Bob Smith, Rob Stewart and Gary Elbow. Today’s speakers, University President Guy Bailey; Dr. Alice V. White, from TTU feral cat program; Sue Jones from Official Publications; also Delia Tibbs, from neighbor to neighbor. Other visitors were Amy Mondt, from Vietnam Archive and Dr. Audra Morse, from Civil & Environmental Engineering, who is the chair of the Executive Council of the Teaching Academy. Also in attendance was Past FS President Richard Meek, and representing Tech AAUP Chapter and Professor John Howe as the Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.

III. Approval of Minutes:
Faculty Senate President Nathan called for any corrections or changes to the minutes of meeting #306 held on May 11, 2011 minutes were approved with corrections.

IV. Speaker: Faculty Senate President Nathan Introduced University President Dr. Guy Bailey.
   a. Summarized the Legislative Session
      i. Budget reductions last biennium
         1. 7.5% last biennium
         2. Additional reduction of 5% formula funding
         3. 25% reduction in special items including the Museum
         4. The total reduction in funding was $29 million. Tech met the reductions with a minimal effect on the core mission, teaching and research, and prevent massive layoffs through:
            a. Attrition
            b. Lowered administrative costs (reduced number of vice presidents and associate vice presidents)
            c. Outsourcing (e.g. PrintTech)
      ii. Priorities for next biennium
          1. Loosen hiring freeze and adding faculty and support staff
          2. Pay raises in mid-year
      iii. Performance Funding
          1. Previous biennium Tech was the 3rd worst performing university...
2. This biennium Tech was the 3\textsuperscript{rd} best performing university as a result of:
   a. Correctly structuring enrollment
   b. Received more funding from the Competitive Knowledge Fund
   c. Focusing on how to change how Tech was affected by Legislature formula.
3. Tier I and National Research University Fund qualification
   1. Fund for seven universities upon meeting the criteria including:
      1. $45 million restricted research funding
      2. 200 Ph.D.s per year
      3. Quality standards for faculty and students
   2. Progress toward meeting standards
      1. Phi Beta Kappa
      2. Endowment of $400 m
      3. Met requirements in FY 2010
      4. Met requirements in FY 2011 (unofficial)
      5. $50 million in restricted funding
   3. When eligible will receive $9.5 million per year
4. Planning for next legislative session
   a. Strengthen and build academic programs
   b. Implement business model for university
      1. Subsidy to Athletic Department ends this year, enabling funding to return to core mission of University
5. Athletic realignment
   a. Academic implications for realignment
      1. BOR focusing on Academics because the conferences require AAU Institution status required
      2. Conferences also require members to be in Top 100 US News & World Report Ranking
   b. Tech must be in a BCS Bowl Athletic Conference
      1. Revenue generation for self-supporting Athletic Dept.
   c. Tech needs to be a conference with Texas or Texas A&M
      1. Drives attendance at games
6. Enrollment
   a. Excellent growth
   b. Purposely slowed enrollment growth because of the attrition of faculty & limited hires
   c. 32,000+ enrollment this year

Senator Boal: Question about faculty to student Ratio
President Bailey: More students to faculty, another reason to improve faculty salaries, and BOR recognized this as an issue with academic rating.

Senator Held: Thanks President Bailey for avoiding massive layoffs

President Bailey: Addressed the power of television networks over how conferences look. Universities need revenue for abilities yet needs the control impact of networks.

Faculty Senate President Nathan: Welcomed the new senators and new officers.

Sue Jones, Director of the Office of Official Publication, speaking on the academic calendar

- **Option One** — Final exams continue as they are. Provost approval would be required for an extracurricular activity on a full day of exams. The School of Music will not participate in Carol of Lights if exams continue for a full day. Campus lights cannot be turned off during Carol of Lights because exams will be in progress.
- **Option Two** — Reduce finals to 120 minutes for 4 days (Friday, Monday – Wednesday). This would leave Saturday open for Carol of Lights and would allow participation by the School of Music. Eight universities in the Big 12 have finals of 120 minutes or less.
- **Option Three** — Discontinue individual study day. Have 150-minute exams for 5 days (Thursday, Friday, Monday – Wednesday). Six schools in the Big 12 have no individual study days.
- **Option Four** — Reduce the individual study day (Thursday) to one-half day and start 150-minute final exams in the afternoon. In addition, limit exams to only one-half day on Saturday. This would allow the equivalent of 5 days of exams from Thursday afternoon through the next Wednesday.

Jones: SGA supports Option 2
President Nathan: Sent topic to Academic Programs Committee, there were no objections.

Dr. Alice V. White, solicited assistance with the feral cat program on campus.

[1] help with the daily or weekly refreshing of nine feral-cat feeding stations across campus; [2] if you are a TTU student who is willing to start a Student Government Association organization for a student-led feral-cat feeding organization; [3] if you are TTU faculty/staff willing to sponsor the on-going feeding of TTU feral cats -- for service-learning &/or research purposes. If anyone is interested in the program contact alice.white@ttu.edu

Delia Tibbs, explained the Neighbor to Neighbor Program in the Tech Terrace Area. Program description-Student Health Services work with the City of Lubbock Codes Administration staff to identify an area of Tech Terrace with a high concentration of alcohol/noise-related violations. This area includes approximately 1,000 residences West of University Avenue, East of Indiana Avenue and South of 20th Street, North of 34th Street. Their goal is:

- To reduce number of alcohol-related violations in off-campus areas with high concentration of students.
- To communicate information re: alcohol abuse and violations to off-campus students.
• To effect better relationships between students and non-students living in close proximity.

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2011. Time: 4:00pm. Place: Wagner Park (26th & Flint Ave). Contact person-Delia Tibbs, Student Health Services, 743-2844 ext 290, email delia.tibbs@ttuhsc.edu

President Nathan: Closed discussion, there were no objections.

V. Old Business: Faculty Status & Welfare Committee, chair Lewis Held, reporting on OP updates during the summer. Senator Held recognized members of the committee and stated the charge of the committee to evaluate the OPs and respond to each OP was presented with a status report to the academic administration. FSW Committee members are: Lewis Held, David Weinberg, Carolyn Tate, James Davis, Gad Perry, Jonathan Marks, Sandy River and John Howe.

Senator Weinberg: OP 70:37, Disclosure of Significant Financial Interests that May Represent Conflicts of Interest; no issues, approved, and posted.

Senator Tate: OP 32:21, The Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Research Award; the committee’s concern was addressed, and is in route for approval.

Senator Davis: Regent’s Rule 10, Intellectual Property Rights; the committee made editorial suggestions. VP Eighmy accepted changes, and forwarded document to Arrington.

Senator Held: All OPs are posted on the Faculty Senate website.

President Nathan: Asked for objections, there were none, committee report was approved.

VI. New Business: Faculty Statue & Welfare Committee, chair Lewis Held reporting on OP 32.13

John Howe as a committee member of the FSW Committee: Read OP 32:13: The Chancellor’s Council Distinguished Teaching Award

Senator Held: There were no objections per Dr. Stewart and Dr. Smith. This OP, like all the others reviewed by the FSW Committee, will be posted on the Faculty Senate website for review and for final action by the Faculty Senate as a whole at the October meeting. Faculty Senate website: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/senate/

2011-2012 Committee Assignments-Committee on Committees-Faculty Senator Todd Chambers submitted a list of committees for approval by the Faculty Senate.

President Nathan: Asked for objections, there were none, the list was approved.

VII. Announcements: President Nathan: Announced KTXT requested permission to broadcast Faculty Senate Meetings. Noting that SGA had already approved broadcast of their meetings. Nathan asked for senators opinions via email.

Nathan: He has been asked to nominate a committee for awarding grants from a newly created fund for research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, that committee members will not be eligible for grants from this fund during their time of service on the committee.

VIII. Adjournment at 4:50pm.