Texas Tech University Faculty Senate
Meeting # 310, December 14, 2011

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

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

I. Call to Order:
Daniel Nathan, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 3:19 PM.

II. Recognition of Guests:
Faculty Senate President Nathan recognized our guests: From the Provost office: Provost Bob Smith, Gary Elbow, Rob Stewart. Other visitors were Dr. Alice Young, Associate VP for Research Integrity, James Hodgins from HR and Communications Marketing, Dr. Shane Blum from Human Sciences and on behalf of the Academic Integrity Policy and also in attendance was Past FS President Richard Meek, representing TTU AAUP Chapter.

III. Approval of Minutes:
Faculty Senate President Nathan called for any corrections or changes to the minutes of meeting #309 held on November 9, 2011, minutes were approved.

IV. Speaker: Provost Bob Smith.
The Annual Report available on Provost’s and President’s websites including vision and mission statements. http://www.depts.ttu.edu/provost/
a. Discussed tenure/tenure track faculty numbers in response to questions by Senators Held and Chansky.
   i. Strategic enrollment plan
   ii. Better marketing
   iii. 66% of undergraduates were accepted this fall
   iv. Retention is important in maintain enrollment
b. Discussed goal for undergraduate students (30,000), currently 27,000 in response to questions regarding quality and quantity by Senator Lee and continuing affordability by Senator Loewy.
c. Cost Price Index (CPI) versus the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) which may lead to a differential tuition structure. We will need 1,200-1,300 faculty members needed when the enrollment reaches 40,000.
d. Potential for faculty and staff pay raise in response to question by Senator Held.
e. Contract with ESL Center for International Students (includes students living in Tech dorms and provisional admittance to Graduate School) in response to statement by Senator Ajlouni regarding Iraqi students having government
support for graduate study. Provost Smith also stated the Government of Oman will send over 600 students to the US to study.

V. Reports from University Councils/Committees & Liaisons:
Vice President Sam Bradley reported the FERPA waiver is being updated (Buckley Act) and the calendar issue has been resolved. Discussion ensued. Dr. Elbow stated the new waiver moves from general to more specific.

Vice President Sam Bradley announced Dr. Stewart is seeking a list of organizations in which faculty are active.

Vice President Sam Bradley expressed appreciation for the support ($25 million) of the administration of renovations of old Business Building for Mass Communications.

VI. Old Business:
Faculty Senate Academic Programs Committee-Senator Stodden In response to the Faculty Senate’s tabling of the issue involving possible alterations in finals scheduling due to future changes in the academic calendar and issues surrounding the Carol of Lights Festival (October and November meetings), a meeting of the Faculty Senate Academic Programs Committee and the Academic Calendar Ad Hoc Committee was convened. Senior Vice Provost Stewart led the meeting. Present at the meeting were three members of the Faculty Senate Academic Programs Committee, three college representatives (Associate Deans or their seconds) from Business, VPA, and Arts and Sciences and five members of academic administrative service offices. Also present was a representative of the Office of Housing and Residential Life, Craig Kuehnert, who coordinates the annual Carol of Lights event. The group was charged to work as a whole in this meeting. The discussion was clear, systematic, and constructive. A specific focus was to uphold academic priorities and integrity. The final recommendation of the committee, as a whole, was to retain the current individuals study day and final exam period lengths. Scheduling considerations surrounding the Carol of Lights event were deferred to the committee officially charged with coordinating the event.

President Nathan announced Graduate Council passed the resolution from the Faculty Senate regarding rewording Point 4 to conform with the proposal’s intent and with due process rights.

Academic Integrity Report by Dr. Shane Blum. The Academic Integrity Policy listed on the Faculty Senate website (http://www.depts.ttu.edu/senate/) is the product of a review and revision that began in April 2010 of the existing academic integrity policy by a taskforce comprised of faculty, staff, and students. Approved by Faculty Senate on February 16, 2011 and Student Senate on December 3, 2010, it was originally anticipated that the policy would be submitted for Board of Regents’ approval in May 2011. Upon receipt of revisions from General Counsel in March 2011, it was necessary to delay the Board of Regents’ submission. This allowed us
time to update groups such as Faculty Senate and Student Senate on editorial changes, and establish time for training and education prior to the new policy going into effect.

**Faculty Senate President Daniel Nathan** assigned the Academic Integrity report to the Faculty Senate’s Academic Programs Committee.

**VII. New Business:**
Safety and RCR reporting by Associate Provost Stewart and Dr. Alice Young  
a. Discussion ensued regarding the report required by Digital Measures.  
b. President Nathan referred this topic to the Research Committee.

**President Nathan** requested two volunteers to serve on a committee regarding conflict of interest.

**VIII. Announcements:**
**President Nathan:** Final grades are due on Monday morning rather than as stated in an email sent by earlier to faculty.

**IX. Adjournment** at 5:00pm