

**Texas Tech University Faculty Senate
Meeting #317 October 10, 2012**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building, with **Faculty Senate President Daniel Nathan** presiding.

Senators in attendance were: Adams, Agnello, Ballou, Barenberg, Batra, Bayne, Becker, Blum, Boal, Brashears, Buchheit, Cole, Coward, Davis, Decker, di Poppa, Dolter, Drager, Gaines, Gilliam, Held, Kucera, Kvashny, Lauderdale, Lee, Marks, Mills, Mondt, Monroe, Nathan, Peaslee, Perl, Pongratz, Rice, Ross, Shi, Smith, Stodden, Swingen, Syma, Colette Taylor, Todd, Valle, Weinberg, Wong and Wood. Senators excused were: Costica and Cristina Bradatan, Bradley, Brown, Collier, Duffy, Juan, Lastrapes, Levario, Ramkumar, Chris Taylor, Watson, Whitfield and Wilde. Senator unexcused was: Borshuk, Surles, Wang, Cochran and Loewy.

- I. **Call to order** – Dr. 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, Valerie Paton, guest speakers Ralph Ferguson from the Graduate School, Parliamentarian John Howe along with Kurt Caswell from Honors College. Brittany Hoover from the AJ and Christine Self from the Staff Senate.

- III. **Approval of minutes: Faculty Senate President Nathan** Approval of minutes, Meeting #316, September 12, 2012. Minutes approved.

IV. **Speaker: 3:20pm to 3:35pm** Provost Bob Smith, Study Abroad
Update on Study Abroad – about 1000 students currently enrolled. We have joined a consortium with Auburn, LSU, Philadelphia University and RPI at the University of Arkansas Rome Center.

Prague, Czech Republic – 8 year history, partnering with University of New York in Prague (MOU), Empire State College (SUNY System) & other EU Institutions. Another opportunity for summer programs and joint programs.

University of Surrey, Guildford, UK – partnership with Professor Peter Barta, Chancellor Sir Christopher Snowden. Work with Engineering to see if we can get Engineering students there every spring.

Mekelle University, Mekelle, Ethopia – partnership with 7 U.S. Universities

New & Anticipated Administrative Appointments in Academic Affairs – Valerie Paton - Vice Provost, ACE Fellowship

Peggy Miller - Vice Provost, (Off-campus Centers, e-Learning, Tier One Initiatives)

Dominic Casadonte - Interim Dean of the Graduate School

Jerry Hudson, Media & Communication - Dean Search

Search: Vice Provost for Graduate Education & Dean of the Graduate School

3:35pm to 3:45pm Associate Dean Ralph Ferguson, Graduate School and Graduate School Staff Member Anastasia Coles.

Topic: Humanities and Creative Arts Conference. We would like more faculty participants. For more information you may visit the Graduate School website, News and Events. Need about 10-15 more faculty to participate.

Mills: How would the faculty participate?

Ferguson: As judges and perhaps one or two external reviewers.

Program is October 25-27th

3:45pm to 3:55pm Britta Tye, Events & Training Manager, TTU IT Division. Topic: Cyber Security Awareness Month

V. Old Business: University Councils/Committees & Liaison Reports:
Faculty Status & Welfare-Revisions to OP 32.30 Voluntary Retirement of Faculty Member with Option for Part-time Teaching. Everyone should have received by email the draft revisions to OP 32.30.

Drager: What does PSVP mean?

Collective answer for several Senators: Provost Senior Vice President.

The recommendation from the Committee for OP 32.30 is to approve.

This recommendation is approved.

Faculty Senate Study Committee C - OP for Search Committees

This study committee is charged with coming up with a policy for assuring Faculty Representation on Search Committees. Study Committee C has been researching what is in the rules and OPs currently and so far they have found nothing on Faculty Representation on Search Committees for president and other positions. Second they have been discussing which positions they want to recommend have faculty representation on their search committees. So far they have identified president, provost, academic deans also possibly VPR. The third thing they have been discussing the definition of a faculty member. So far they have been discussing following what the Tenure Advisory Committee did which is having someone who has not served in an administrative position of chair of a department or above in the last five years. Next they will look at peer institutions. If anyone has any suggestions of what a peer institution has done they would be glad to hear the suggestion. Once they know what peer institutions are doing they will come up with language and policy they want to propose.

Held: Has there been a discussion about who these faculty will be in terms of hand-picked by administrators or faculty senators who are actually elected?

Barenberg: Our discussions about this have been very preliminary. There was a suggestion actually by John Howe that we might be some elected by the Senate and some chosen by the administration in order to foster a spirit of collaboration. Certainly we want to ensure that some of those faculty are coming from the Senate and elected by the Senate.

Held: The other recommendation that I would have would be to insist upon some kind of presentation to the faculty as a whole of at least the finalists if not the semi-finalists. Because I think we need to see who these people are in that kind of setting. And not just have decisions made behind closed doors regardless of who's on the search committee.

Howe: Just a query to the people who are serving as liaisons or just know what's going on around campus, one difficulty this committee has is it's really looking at one piece of a broader problem which involves staff and student representation on some of these committees. So if someone isn't aware of any attempts to codify student input which has been customary in the presidential searches or the staff input on particular positions probably contacting Professor Barenberg on that would be useful. The committee seems to be undecided as to whether we want to craft our own little piece saying 'well this is how faculty should be represented' or whether we might want to be looking at more broad OP that would handle these other parallel constituencies that might also have a claim to have some input.

Drager: Has the Staff Senate taken up anything like this?

Self: The President of the Staff Senate has been included in some of the preliminary vitae review for the Presidential search. Not aware of any other activities with other searches for the staff.

Nathan: The Staff Senate President, Jeff Hayes, I believe he is on the Advisory Committee for the Presidential search. The Student Government Association President is on the Search Committee as an ongoing member. So there is some representation. You said you want to confine the charge a little bit, so you are talking about President, Vice President, VPR and Dean's searches. Are there other searches or appointments that go on on campus that may lack faculty input that might have bearing on curricular matters and teaching matters? Has that been discussed at all?

Barenberg: It hasn't really been discussed. The discussion was that we thought it would be best to confine to matters where faculty input was particularly important. Whether it was someone being appointed to Student Affairs, some things don't seem to as obviously warrant faculty input.

- VI. New Business:** Faculty Senate President Nathan distributed via email the letter he wrote on August 2nd to the Board of Regents August 10th meeting regarding the Presidential Search.

There was some discussion on the \$10000 Degree and what various institutions in Texas are doing as well as how this would affect Texas Tech.

There was also some discussion about a Faculty Ombudsman. There is currently an Ombudsman for staff but not faculty.

- VII. Announcements:** Reminder: memorial Service for Sandy River, Friday, October 12, 3pm at Hance Chapel. Event will run from 3-4:30. Reception following hosted by the Provosts Office.

- VIII.** Adjournment at 4:09pm

**Submitted by Carrye Syma
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