

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
May 2013**

**Meeting starts at 3:15 p.m. Senate Room 132 Student Union Building**

- I. **Call to order** – Dr. Daniel Nathan, Faculty Senate President called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm

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

- II. **Recognition of guests:**

- III. **Approval of minutes**, Meeting #323, April 10, 2013. Minutes approved.

- IV. **Speakers:**

3:20pm to 3:35pm Brian Shannon-Faculty Athletic Representative  
Kirby Hocutt-TTU Athletic Director

Brian Shannon gave updates on issues of interest across the campus.

- V. **Old Business:** University Councils/Committees & Liaison Reports:  
None

- VI. **New Business:** Senate Ad Hoc Committee for Child Care-letter and Recommendation-

**Child Care Committee Report**

The senate child care committee does not see the need to draft yet another resolution but instead recommends that our senate president communicate directly by letter to Dr. Nellis stating the senate's abiding interest in this issue citing two previous extensive reports, our support of the student senate resolution, and our willingness to work with him towards a solution. The following draft is offered as a suggestion to address the need once again and perhaps encourage a more immediate resumption of the former collaboration with administration towards a solution.

**Senator Meek spoke about his; it is not a resolution but rather a statement that can be used. Vice President Wong suggested that SGA, Staff Senate and Faculty Senate be represented in one document. This passed unanimously.**

## **Budget Study Committee-Summer Workload Policy**

### **Summer Work Policy Resolution-**

**Whereas** Texas Tech graduate students are required to enroll and pay tuition for continuing dissertation or thesis hours (OP 64.02) during Summer Sessions; or independent study classes;

**Whereas** one of the university's initiatives is to award more graduate degrees;

**Whereas** there is currently inconsistency across colleges in remunerating tenure-track faculty for teaching obligations to graduate students during the Summer Sessions, since OP 32.18 Academic Work Load Calculations addresses only Fall and Spring contracted period;

**Whereas** such uncompensated faculty work responds to graduate student instructional needs, including doctoral qualifying exams, research proposal defenses, and dissertation defenses, in addition to masters comprehensive exams, thesis supervision, and defense; as well as independent study courses;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Texas Tech University, with collaboration from Faculty Senate, develop a salary/ remuneration policy to be operational Summer 2014 for faculty who perform these graduate teaching requirements during the Summer Sessions.

**Senator Perl read the end of the summer work policy Resolution. The committee endorses this resolution. After some discussion this passed unanimously.**

## **OP for Title Change for Teaching Assistants to Senate Study Committee C**

Below, please find a summary of the feedback that I received regarding the OP for title change for Graduate Student Teaching Assistants that was assigned to us for discussion.

The general consensus is that the changes are appropriate. Committee members who requested feedback from their departments had the following remarks to share:

History:

" The changes recommended are positive ones, especially

redesignating GPTIs as Associate Instructors. It was suggested that the description for Academic

Assistants should clearly state that such students are not eligible for tuition/fee waivers, since this is a frequent question about this category of employees.

" The titles do not cover "research assistants." Presumably RA's are also divided into those who hold semester-long sinecures and those who are paid hourly. The rationale for just treating the student teachers, rather than the student researchers, is something that we have not discussed.

Mathematics:

"The changes do not particularly impact the department. However, there is a major issue that affects our ability to hire GPTIs and it has to do with a Texas Tech OP that prevents us from using course fees/ADIA to pay instructors of record.

In the "Guidelines for ADIA Fee Development and Expenditures" found in OP 30.29, <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/opmanual/contents.php#30>, Item 2, which addresses "Salaries", explicitly prohibits usage of ADIA to pay the Instructor of Record. The guidelines are a Texas Tech University operational document created for internal usage. The document needs to be revised in order to allow to pay an instructor of record via ADIA/course fees.

**Senate Study Committee C-OP title change for teaching assistants-  
Senator Juan introduced this issue and after some discussion this passed  
unanimously.**

**President Nathan brought up the issue of a University Ombudsman. Discussion  
followed and Wilde mentioned a draft OP that was written and could be looked at  
again.**

- VII. Announcements: Fulbright recipients for fall were announced. There are 5 in all.
- VIII. Passing of the Gavel: Nathan passed the gavel to President elect Wong.
- IX. Adjournment at 4:14 pm