

April 18, 2011

To: Dr. Guy Bailey, Texas Tech University President

From: Richard Meek, Faculty Senate President 2009-2011

RE: OP 32.01 and OP 32.xx passed in the Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Meeting 4-13-2011 # 305

OP 32.01

Senator Lewis Held: This comes to the floor w/o the need for a second as the committees who wrote them voted in favor for each OP. We now open the floor for discussion. Committee went through multiple drafts before they approved the OP. Most contentious issue previously had been the discussion in the OP of the comparable institutions, might want to address that. In the most recent discussions about the revisions, we agreed to take down the lists, but there are good arguments made that there are very good institutions that are comparable but that are not American, and those did not make the lists. Decision was made to remove the list while still making reference to it in some instances, and info will be made available on the strategic plan website. This leaves it open to a variety of other institutions. Also made clear by the provost that this is a list of exemplars, but that is not restrictive at all. The Faculty Senate and committee are on same page.

OP 32.xx

Senator Lewis Held: Revocation of tenure. Notice made that this is pretty much the existing OP and being moved out into another column, but what could be argued is that what is being done here is not necessarily substitutive changes, but is more an aspect of format. Moving it out of the policy for new hires and into another makes it a little less ominous, and suspect that the senate rules would not be violated were this to be voted on today.

Call for question. First, OP 32.01, vote made. All approved. OP 32.xx yet to be numbered, vote made. All approved. Both passed.

A copy of both OPs were then sent to the Texas Tech voting faculty on April 21, 2011 through the eBalloting system and the final vote is expected on May 2, 2011.