

Texas Tech University
Minutes -- # 212 Faculty Senate
January 10, 2001

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 in the Senate Room in the University Center with President Charlotte Dunham presiding. Senators present were Kieth, Thorvilson, Donahue, Hartwell, Held, Iber, Lewis, Lucas, Reeves, Schaller, Boal, Hein, Malone, Hartmeister, Thomas, Lakhani, Blum, Khan, Spallholz, Cochran, Bradley, Cardenas-Garcia, Carr, Cooper, Marbley, Willis-Aarnio, Becker and Trost. Senators excused were Tuman, Weinberg and Murray. Senators unexcused were Elam, Buelinckx, Drager, Lee, Lodhi, Meek, Perez, Rylander, Walker, Mann, Norville, Reeder, Zhang, Smith and Swafford.

- I. **Call to Order** was announced by President Charlotte Dunham at 3:20 pm.
- II. **Recognition of Guests:** Provost John Burns, Vice Provost Jim Brink, Assistant Provost Liz Hall, Honors College Dean Gary Bell, Parliamentarian Brian McGee and various media representatives.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** for meeting # 211, December 13, 2000, were unanimously approved with a minor correction for the December meeting date and the addition of language to incorporate the two resolutions submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluations.
- IV. **Remarks from Invited Guests:**
 1. Honors College Dean Gary Bell

Dean Bell began his overhead transparency-assisted presentation with background information about the 1991-92 faculty initiative to create the Honors College. He mentioned the College's mission statement and how it relates to various activities and programs presently in place. Dean Bell emphasized the College's role in handling all merit-based scholarships for Texas Tech students. He also highlighted numerous interdisciplinary course offerings and other initiatives designed to compliment the Colleges two new degrees. Initiatives include undergraduate research, preparing students for national scholarship competitions, special admissions for medical and law school, study abroad and field trip opportunities, student-generated publications, and the HON student organization. Dean Bell concluded his presentation by noting the number of scholarships awarded by the College in 2000-2001 and providing profile data for increases in entering student SAT averages.

Following his presentation, Dean Bell responded to several questions focusing on the number of national merit scholars, student diversity in the Honors College, the way in which the College contracts with professors who teach non-Honors classes, and requirements for students to graduate with highest honors status.

V. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

VI. Old Business: There was no old business.

VII. New Business: There was no new business.

VIII. Announcements:

President Dunham announced that new Texas Governor Rick Perry recently proposed an initiative for the state to higher education scholarships. Senator Held asked Provost Burns about his impression of the Governor's proposal. Provost Burns indicated that he does not view the initiative favorably.

IX. Adjournment: Since there was no other business, President Dunham declared the 212th meeting of the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary, Faculty Senate