

Annual Report 2005-2006

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#253, September 14, 2005

Invited Guest: Dr. Jon Whitmore, President Texas Tech University.

Dr. Whitmore discussed the last legislation detailing the increase in HEAF money for FY08 and the \$5 million Tech received for new faculty hires to be distributed over the next two years. He indicated the studies to be conducted this year regarding the graduate school, tuition policy and scholarship and financial aid assistance. Faculty raises and building renovation and construction was discussed.

Old Business:

Agenda Committee drafted five motions

- i. Motion I: The Faculty Senate endorses the general thrust and intent of the Student Senate's May 2005 "Proposal for a Fall Break", although recognizing that some refinement in detail is desirable.
Motion failed. Approved 18: Opposed 27
- ii. Motion II: The Faculty Senate endorses a one day fall break, to be held on a Friday in October, and the advancing of fall final examination two days.
Motion failed. Approved 14: Opposed 28
- iii. Motion III: The Faculty Senate endorses a two day fall break to be held on Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving Week, to be compensated for by advancing the fall final examination schedule 2 days.
Motion passed. Approved 30: Opposed 16
- iv. Motion IV: The Faculty Senate requests that a Senate committee be charged with examining the possibility of starting all semester classes earlier (by two days? Or even by one week?) and using some or all of the days of instruction gained to allow a two day mid October fall break
Motion failed. Approved 9: Opposed 35
- v. Motion V: The Faculty Senate requests that Senate Committee A be charged with modifying the Student Senate's May 2005 "Proposal for a Fall Break" so that it will do the least possible harm to existing academic programs; that the Committee on Committees recommend additional members for Committee A so that the constituencies most directly affected by a fall break proposal would be directly represented; and that the modified Committee A offer a finished report to the full Senate, prior to the end of this fall semester, on how a fall break might best be established.
Motion failed. Approved 7: Opposed 39

Intellectual Property on Thesis and Dissertations:

President Howe presented memo from Dr. John Borrelli, Dean of the Graduate School, clarifying copyright issues and issues with the Electronic Theses and Dissertation Form.

Bicycle Facilitation

President Howe pointed out new bicycle lanes on campus and indicated more were planned.

Faculty Lounge

President Howe described the Faculty Lounge Committee authorized by President Whitmore.

Other old Business—Ad hoc committee to address administrator evaluations will file report at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Committee on Committees: Senator Schaller. Three faculty members had been nominated to Faculty Lounge Committee: Senators Hein and Blum and Non-senator Mulsow. Motion to endorse report by Committee on Committees approved.

New Business:

Presidential Library Resolution

President Howe read the Presidential Library Resolution drafted by the Agenda Committee. Senator Ellis motioned to amend the Presidential Library Resolution; Second by Senator Kimball. Amendment: To delete “enthusiastically.” Vote on Amendment: Amendment passed. Approved 24: Opposed 17

Amended motion approved.

Whereas the presence of a presidential library on the campus of Texas Tech University could potentially advance our teaching and research missions by making available additional resources, including books, documents, and presidential scholars; and

Whereas such a library might offer unique social and political programs that could contribute to the intellectual diversity of our campus; and

Whereas such a library would showcase Texas Tech University to library visitors from all over the nation and the world, and

Whereas such a library, if located here, might provide economic benefits for the university and the community,

Be it resolved that, so long as the plans and resource requirements for the proposed library are structured in harmony with the academic mission of Texas Tech University, the Faculty Senate endorses the effort led by the West Texas Coalition for the George W. Bush Presidential Library to locate the George W. Bush Presidential Library on our campus.

Hurricane Katrina Resolution:

President Howe read the Hurricane Katrina Resolution drafted by the Agenda Committee. Approved as read.

Whereas all members of the Texas Tech Senate have vicariously experienced the suffering and anguish of our fellow citizens on the Gulf Coast, who have lost loved ones, property, and (at least temporarily) their communities; and

Whereas resources are being collected for ongoing relief efforts in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi; and

Whereas evacuees in need of support have arrived in our own Lubbock community;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Texas Tech University wholeheartedly endorses, and urges faculty support of, the efforts of the Texas Tech Katrina Relief Committee, and of other appropriate University and community initiatives attempting to help the victims of this tragedy.

Other New Business:

Senator Perry would like to discuss eraider password change. President Howe asked for unofficial show of hands to send to a committee. Motion to forward to study committee to be selected by **the Agenda Committee passes. Approved 20: Opposed 16**

#254, October 12, 2005

Invited Guests: Dean Smith, Vice President for Research.

Dean Smith discussed how he intends to accomplish his mission: to increase TTU research capacity. He intends to invest in faculty by (a) providing hassle free research services, (b) support interdisciplinary interactions, and (c) play a role in faculty retention; promote innovation by (a) using research to support the Big Bang bucks, and (b) restructure overhead; and increase the ties with the health science center. The Big Bang bucks is a pool of one million dollars to be used to fund innovative research. He will assess progress by answering the Board of Regents' questions and evaluating the impact of faculty in their field. Special challenges to be addressed are to avoid fixing what is not broken and to pay attention to faculty and student diversity.

Guest Speaker: Sam Segran, Associate Vice President Information Technology

Sam Segran addressed issues raised by members of the Faculty Senate and the Senate Study Committee B. He was accompanied by Kathy Stalcup, Shannon Cepica, and Jay Stalcup. He discussed the work and anticipated work of the Information Technology group on email passwords, encryption, storage quotas, network backups, abuse, and plagiarism.

Old Business:

Evaluation of Administrators: Gene Wilde, the previous Faculty Senate President, indicated that he has talked with Provost Marcy regarding an online evaluation of administrators that would be modeled after the program used by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Current work is focusing on question development and programming issues.

Resolution on Hurricane Relief

President Howe announced that Raider-Aid t-shirts are on sale to support Hurricane Relief efforts. The t-shirts are \$5 and are available at the Student Union Information Office.

Faculty Lounge

Senator Blum indicated the Faculty Lounge Committee has met and scheduled a meeting with President Whitmore to discuss access, decoration, and marketing of the lounge. President Howe indicated that questions and comments should be addressed to Senator Blum.

New Business:

Day Care

Senator Toda cited the need for a bigger day care on campus. President Howe announced that the Agenda Committee has assigned the issue to Study Committee C. Senator Dunham mentioned the development of a Staff Senate proposal on the day care issue and Vice Provost Hall indicated that the president is interested in day care as it is a gender equity issue.

Other New Business:

Senator Thompson expressed concern over the generality of OP 32.07—faculty consult. Vice-Provost Hall announced that two OPs address faculty consulting and they conflict. Senator Alvarado agreed a need exists to address faculty consulting OPs. President Howe will have the Agenda Committee identify a study committee.

#255, November 9, 2005

II. Invited Guests:

a. Dr. Bob Baker, Athletic Council Chairman

Dr. Baker spoke about his role as the faculty representative to the NCAA, the members and work of the athletic council and associated groups on campus to assure TTU athletics meets NCAA rules. Dr. Baker discussed new rules that are affecting the athletic program and the academic success of the student athletes. Dr. Baker indicated that equestrian may be included as a sponsored sport within the next 2 years. Although there were 22 self reported NCAA violations last year, TTU athletics had 331 students receive the Commissioner's Award for having a GPA greater than 3.0.

b. Max Hinojosa, Vice President of Operations and Eric Crouch, Director of Traffic and Parking

Max Hinojosa presented the 5 year parking plan influencing parking facilities on campus for students, staff, and faculty and the proposed plans and parking fees to pay for the new parking facilities on campus.

III. Old Business:

a. Consulting

Senator Grass indicated that Study Committee A has met and identified issues to be addressed regarding consulting. The issues currently identified pertain to OP 32.06 paragraph 5, 32.07 1a, 32.07 1e, and 32.10 1a. The committee would like to receive any additional concerns from the faculty and please send the comments to sean.grass@ttu.edu.

b. Information Technology

Senator Gelber and Senate Committee B thanked Sam Segrán and his group for answering many of the questions committee had at the last faculty senate meeting. Additional issues to be addressed by the committee include (1) posting Sam Segrán presentation on the Faculty Senate website (2) notifying the IT department of spam, (3) updates on the turnitin.com website, (4) increase email storage capacity and adding email accounts. A helpful website for the faculty is www.depts.ttu.edu/infotech/itbulletin/. For additional comments email james.h.smith@ttu.edu.

c. Faculty Lounge

Senator Blum indicated the first reception in the faculty lounge will be November 10 from 4 to 6 pm for university administrators, deans and chairpersons. The November 22 reception will be for all faculty. Please send comments on the art work displayed in the faculty lounge to Senator Blum.

d. OP 68.01 Communication with the Press

Senator Perry announced that Study Committee D met to discuss the issue and will provide a committee report at the next meeting. For questions or concerns, contact Committee Chair Andrew Jackson.

e. **Child Development and Research Center**

Senator Toda reported the work of Study Committee C for Senator Drager. Although the child care center will be expanding, the future enrollment will not be sufficient to accept everyone on the waiting list. Senator Toda will resend the committee's report to Patty so that the findings of the committee may be discussed at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Senator Shriver reminded the faculty that the purpose of the Child Development and Research Center is to train students as part of their education; the Center is not intended to serve as a day care.

IV. New Business:

a. **Temporary Parking Passes to Pregnant Women**

President Howe discussed a proposal circulating in the Staff and Student Senates regarding temporary parking passes for pregnant women. Eric Crouch, director of Traffic and Parking Services, indicated this is already being done. To obtain a temporary permit, please visit the Traffic and Parking Office.

b. **15 Passenger Van Drug Testing**

Senator Morse expressed concern over the new yearly drug testing policy for faculty driving 15 passenger vans. President Howe will have the Agenda Committee identify a study committee.

c. **Faculty Identification Cards**

Senator Walt Schaller discussed the need to simplify the faculty identification card to one card that may be used at the library, faculty lounge, and recreational center. President Howe will have the Agenda Committee identify a study committee.

#256, December 7, 2005

V. Invited Guests:

Dr. Edward Anderson from the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center

Dr. Anderson discussed the mission of the TLTC and presented the work the TLTC has done in the 10 years since President Haragan provided funding for the TLTC. The TLTC is one of 12 national leaders in the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The TLTC plans to continue aiding faculty and teaching staff with assessment, faculty development, service learning, and technology support.

VI. Old Business:

a. **Committee on Committees**

Senator Schaller presented the recommendations of the Committee on Committees for two appointments. The rules of the Nominating Committee were distributed. The Parking Office has requested a senator to serve on a Committee. The Committee on Committees recommended Senator Gad Perry, who has accepted the nomination. Question brought forward by President Howe. Nomination approved. The Committee on Committees identified three senators to serve on the Nominating Committee and the senators are Alan Reifman, Lisa Garner and Charlotte Dunham. Question brought forward by President Howe. Nomination approved.

President Howe spoke regarding the need for both self-nominations and arm twisting of candidates for the position of President, Vice President and Secretary. If you have a nomination, please contact the members of the Nominating Committee. Senator Reifman requested a review of the responsibilities and time commitments. President Howe discussed

the tasks of each office and encouraged Senators to speak to current and past officers requiring the work load and time commitments.

b. Child Development and Research Center

Senator Toda reported that money to expand the Child Development and Research Center has come from private donors and the University. The following are the criteria used to determine admittance of a child into the CDRC: child of staff member, child of a family already enrolled, and whether the child will be enrolled full time. Study Committee C recommended that a committee should review the Child Care Exploratory Support Report (Date 2000) so that financial support from the university may be evaluated.

President Howe indicated that the Agenda Committee would develop an ad-hoc committee so that members from the staff and student senates may be included as graduate students could be affected by the work of the committee. President Howe brought forward the question. Report of Faculty Senate Committee C approved. The report is in the appendix of the minutes.

c. OP 68.01 Communication with the Press

Senator Jackson presented two main concerns with OP 68.01: mandatory use of graphical representations and contact with the Office of Communications and Marketing before contact with the press. Study Committee D revised the wording of OP 68.01 to protect the faculty for instances where the faculty cannot contact the Office of Communications and Marketing before talking to the press. President Howe indicated President Whitmore favors the wording. President Howe brought forward the changes to the OP for approval. The changes were approved. The revised OP is included in the appendix of the minutes.

d. Faculty Lounge

Senator Blum commented on the success of the receptions in the faculty lounge. He encouraged everyone to use the faculty lounge or the space would no longer be for faculty use. Vice Provost Hall asked how the use of the lounge would be measured. Senator Blum indicated a sign-in notebook will be placed in the lounge to record frequency of use.

e. Consulting

Senator Reifman indicated Study Committee A met with Vice Provost Hall and should have a report to the Senate in an upcoming meeting.

f. Liaison Reports

No liaison reports presented.

VII. New Business:

a. Electronic Elections

Vice President Meek informed the Senate that 40 percent of the Faculty Senate budget is spent on elections and he believes a need exists to evaluate the possibility of electronic elections. The benefits of such a move would be to increase ballot response and save money. President Howe indicated the Staff Senate considered the idea, but due to the diversity of constituencies have decided to not make the change at this time; however, members of the Staff Senate would be willing to help the Faculty Senate with this task. President Howe will have the Agenda Committee identify a study committee.

#257, January 11, 2006

VIII. Invited Guests:

Dr. Gil Reeve, Director of Strategic Planning.

Dr. Gil Reeve indicated that the SACS accreditation was reaffirmed and thanked Jim Brink, Gary Elbow and many others for their hard work. SACS has required the university to plan and assess all University programs, use the assessment to improve programs and to document the use of the assessment. Additionally, Dr. Reeve discussed the University Strategic Plan as well as program level strategic plans. The revised Strategic Plan is anticipated to be in effect by Fall 2006 and the revisions include reducing and realigning the number of goals. The revised Strategic Plan is located in the appendix of the minutes.

IX. Old Business:

a. Nomination Committee

Senator Reifman updated the Senate on the nomination of senators for the three executive office positions. If you are interested in running for those positions, please contact Senators Reifman, Dunham or Garner. Additionally, current officers are available for questions regarding duties and responsibilities.

b. Committee on Committees

Senator Schaller identified three senators that have volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee on child care: Senators Toda, Alvarado, and Marbley. Question brought forward by President Howe. Nomination of the senators approved. Senator Schaller indicated that Patty will be mailing nomination forms for University committees and has asked for participation.

c. Faculty Status and Welfare Committee

Senator Smucker indicated the committee will be working with a faculty member on campus to evaluate faculty benefits.

d. Consulting

President Howe indicated that Senator Grass has requested more time to prepare the committee's report to be submitted to the Senate.

e. Liaison Reports

President Howe as liaison and member of the Budget Advisory Council informed the Senators that the BAC is currently evaluating the potential implementation of base tuition, as requested by the Regents. In base tuition, undergraduate students will pay a set tuition rate based on 15 hour enrollment. The plan encourages students to take more units and the tuition program supports the GOT program. However, issues regarding summer school and part-time students must be resolved. Senator Perry asked what would be the anticipated effect on classroom size. President Howe indicated that the benefit would be less reliance on resources during the summer and more formula funding.

Rebecca Owen, Staff Senate Liaison to the Faculty Senate, discussed two issues the Staff Senate has been evaluating: fall break and the proposed parking fee structure. The Staff Senate has indicated they will not support the Fall Break Proposal developed by the Student Senate; however, the Staff Senate is willing to work with the Student Senate to address the issues that are anticipated to negatively impact the University staff. The Staff Senate has been asked to submit alternative proposals regarding parking fee options. The concern of the Staff

Senate is that parking fee costs are escalating more quickly than raises. One alternative to the fee structure is to increase parking fees only 10 percent per year until the new fee rate is reached.

X. New Business:

- a. Senator Drager thanked everyone for the card and get well wishes he received following open heart surgery.

- b. Incomplete Policy**

Faculty members have expressed concern regarding the timing and thrust of the new Incomplete policy. If you have a concern, please let the Agenda Committee know.

- c. Faculty Consultation on Program Changes**

Senator Howe discussed the changes occurring in departments on campus, without consultation of the faculty. If there is a general issue in which the Faculty Senate should be involved, please let the Agenda Committee know.

#258, February 8, 2006

XI. Invited Guests:

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs William Marcy

Provost Marcy spoke about the initiatives between his office and faculty senate to improve the relationship between the two groups. He suggests including more interaction with an emphasis on leadership for the Senate rather than meetings between the two groups and to build upon the activities the groups agree upon rather than stall at the items the groups do not see eye to eye. Lastly, Provost Marcy expressed a desire for the Faculty Senate to be proactive in new initiatives and bring them forth to the President's and Provost's offices. He desires to invest in people, enriching education environment, and advance in research. He indicated that Texas Tech University had done a great job in outreach.

Senator and Library Archivist Lynn Whitfield

Senator Whitfield discussed the need to archive current scholarly information so that it may be used in the future. She encouraged photos, vitas, research reports, and correspondence to be given to the library archives. Material from individuals, departments, institutes and centers are welcomed and encouraged.

Senior Vice Provost Jim Brink

Senior Vice Provost Brink indicated that President Whitmore requested the Friday night commencement for graduate students. Additionally, Danay Phelps has been hired as the Senior Administrative Academic Advisor to enhance communication and maintain consistent information regarding the Graduate-on-Time program. This position will also be coordinating all operating policies concerning the Graduate-on-Time program.

XII. Old Business:

- a. Nomination Committee**

Senator Reifman presented the names of the candidates for Vice President and Secretary. The candidate for president has withdrawn and no one has volunteered to run for President. The candidates for Vice President are Shane Blum and Paul Carlson. Candidates for

Secretary include Christine Alvarado, Nancy Maushak, and Lynn Whitfield. Elections will be held at the March Faculty Senate Meeting.

b. Consulting

Senator Boros presented the report of Faculty Senate Study Committee A regarding Faculty Consulting. As more than ten OPs address faculty consulting the Committee focused on OP 32.07 but will perform additional measures to align the other OPs with OP 32.07. Report of Faculty Senate Study Committee A was approved. The report is in the appendix of the minutes.

c. Budget Study Committee

Senator Richey presented the pros and cons of an ID card. The current Rec Center card can be modified to work at the Library and as a Tech Express Debit Card. However, social security numbers are on the card, which could represent a fraud risk if lost or stolen. Health insurance can not be incorporated into the card as those cards are supplied by the State. A key card to access areas, such as the Faculty Lounge, is expensive and difficult to obtain.

d. Liaison Report

No liaison reports.

XIII. New Business:

- a. **Resolution of Thanks to Chancellor David Smith. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.**
- b. **Resolution Urging a Compensative Examination of the TTU System. Passed. Available in appendix of the minutes.**
- c. **Resolution Honoring the Athletic Program. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.**
- d. **Resolution on university Parking Services' Proposed Parking Fee Increases. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.**
- e. **Resolution of Support for President Jon Whitmore. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.**

#259, March 8, 2006

XIV. Invited Guests: [1:47-46:00]

Interim Dean CVPA, Director of the Ethics Initiative, Dr. Jonathan Marks [2:36-19:16]

Dean Marks explained that the Ethics Initiative grew out of the SACS Accreditation; however, the focus is to encourage ethical discussions between students, faculty and staff using the slogan "Do the right thing. A conversation on ethics." Dr. Marks discussed the work of four task forces regarding: ethics in the curriculum, ethical institution, academic integrity, and ethics of diversity. Currently, a search is underway to appoint a new director for the Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism, which is the head office for the National Institute of Engineering Ethics. Dr. Marks encouraged the faculty to participate in Ethics Day-2006, Thursday, April 6 from 2 to 5 pm at the Municipal Auditorium, which will highlight ethics in law, engineering and business.

Associate Vice Chancellor Lynn Denton, Communications and Marketing [20:00-46:00]

Dr. Denton indicated the intent of the media policy was to aid Communications and Marketing in preparation of their reports to the Board of Regents. She encouraged the faculty to let their office if in the news for any reason. Additionally, she liked the recommendations to the Media Policy

developed by the Faculty Senate and will use them. For the new identify guidelines, please visit www.identityguidelines.texas-tech.edu. Additionally, contact PrintTech for a CD containing the new logos. Dr. Kathy Austin discussed the changes in the website and the application of the Content Management System (CMO), which will not dictate the software for webpage development, rather the CMO will ensure the Texas Tech University logo is consistent but will not affect content. Department and individual webpages will not be affected by the CMO.

Old Business [46:10-1:08:40, 1:14:57-1:17:15 and 1:22:42-1:23:23]

a. Nomination Committee [46:10-55:43, 1:14:57-1:17:15 and 1:22:42-1:23:23]

President Howe and Senator Garner discussed the processes of the election details. Ballots were distributed to the members and a runoff election was conducted for the office of Secretary. Biographical sketches of each of the candidates were provided with the meeting agenda. The results of the elections are as follows: President, Jim Smith; Vice President, Shane Blum; and Secretary Christine Alvarado.

President Howe thanked the work of the Nomination Committee and Patty in developing a slate of candidates for each office.

b. Faculty Status and Welfare [1:07:23-1:07:35]

Senator Smucker announced the committee has met and begun working on a review of faculty benefits.

c. Liaison Report [56:12-1:07:18]

i. Senator Perry, Liaison to the University Parking Services Advisory Committee

Senator Perry mentioned the University Parking Services Advisory Committee did meet and future meetings will be held once each long semester and once during the summer. The Committee has several upcoming initiatives that include expectant mother parking, motorist assistance program, entry station upgrades, and motorcycle parking program to just name a few. The meeting agenda, University Parking Services organizational chart, committee briefing, and details on the stork parking for expectant mothers and the motorist assistance program are included in the appendix of the minutes.

ii. Rebecca Owens, Liaison to the Staff Senate. [1:07:40-1:08:39]

Liaison Owens indicated the Staff Senate has decided to not support the Fall Break as presented by the Student Senate and they did not provide alternatives to their proposal. They will be happy to work with the students on a plan that is acceptable to everyone.

XV. New Business [1:08:41-1:11:08]

a. Early Tenure and Promotion. [1:08:59-1:11:08]

President Howe asked Provost Marcy to address the recent tenure and promotion judgments, especially those cases where promotion was awarded but not tenure. Provost Marcy indicated the candidates were judged on a case by case basis and promotion and tenure may be awarded independently as they have separate criteria and separate ballots.

#260, April 12, 2006

XVI. Invited Guests:

President Jon Whitmore

Dr. Whitmore updated the faculty on the work completed by the administration this year including: providing a 2% raise; increasing diversity; improving recruiting in big cities in Texas; hiring an Ombudsman for staff, instituting a tuition and fee waiver for staff taking up to a 3 credit hour course; consolidating student business activities in one building; opening Murray residence hall and the Experimental Sciences Building; constructing the student wellness center; reviewing the graduate school; revitalizing student advising and initiating the President's Excellence in Advising Award. Tuition and fees will be raised 4.7% to cover raises, more student scholarships and O&M costs. Additionally, Dr. Hurst is assisting the President in continuing the initiatives begun this year such as the speaker series. Future activities include the visit of a unit from the Paul Taylor Dance Company "Taylor 2" (September 25-29, 2006) and National Book Award Reviewers (October 10-11, 2006). Two committees as set up by the Board of Regents will work together in an unknown capacity to select the new Chancellor; however, the final decision will rest with the Board of Regents.

Dean of the Libraries, Donald Dyal and Associate Dean of the Libraries Sheila (Curl) Hoover [20:00-46:00]

Dr. Dyal presented the library's funding history and explained that current library funding comes from the library fee paid by the students. In order to continue to operate without having to drastically increase the library fee, the library needed to reduce the budget; therefore, Dr. Dyal had asked Dr. Sheila (Curl) Hoover to evaluate the serials to determine if cuts could be made. Dr. (Curl) Hoover explained the methodology applied to identify information on journal usage and cost so that journals could be cut. Additionally, Dr. (Curl) Hoover indicated work is underway to improve interlibrary loan (ILL) and gain license to full text through publisher or aggregator as print subscription is decreased.

XVII. Old Business

a. Committee on Committees

Senator Schaller presented the report from the Committee on Committees. The report, including committee assignments for the next senate cycle, was approved.

b. Liaison Report

Senator James Smith, Information Technology and Advisory Committee

Senator Smith reminded the faculty that on May 23, 2006 eraider accounts will be used to sign into the TechSIS Webpage for Faculty and Advisors.

XVIII. New Business

a. Tenure Advisory Committee

Secretary Morse presented the arguments of the Agenda Committee regarding the need to propose a rewording of the membership requirements of the Tenure Advisory Committee so that the requirement for membership reads "Five members of tenured faculty eligible to vote in faculty elections (but not chairpersons or unit heads who supervise tenure track and tenured faculty)." Approved.

b. Resolution Honoring the Contributions of Marsha Sharp to the University

Senator Reifman proposed a resolution honoring Coach Marsha Sharp. Passed. Available in the appendix of the minutes.

#261, May 3, 2006

XIX. Invited Guests [3:17-35:54]

Dr. Dominick Casadonte, Member Teaching Academy, Chair Chemistry and Biochemistry [3:17-15:38]

Dr. Casadonte discussed the goals of the Teaching Academy which include: advocating teaching, creating a rewarding structure for teaching, promoting a sense of community, serving as role models, fostering research on the scholarship of teaching, and advising the institution on the teaching practice. Dr. Casadonte encouraged the faculty to apply for membership to the Teaching Academy and encouraged senators to consider applying for the Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award. Application instructions are on the Teaching Academy website. Additionally, the Teaching Academy hosts the John Burns Conference, brown bag lunches, and plenary meetings. A new Jumpstart session will be held August 16 and 17, 2006 to educate incoming faculty about teaching at TTU.

Kay Whyburn, ConnecTech [15:40-35:54]

Ms. Whyburn summarized the status of the progress of integrating applications within the Texas Tech University System, including TechSIS, TechFIM, and TechRisk. Admissions will switch to Banner June 2007 and Registration and Financial Aid will switch in the Spring 2008 to be live for Fall 2008. Challenges to the changeover including the transition in Spring 2008 when the students will use the new system to register for the Fall 2008 but the old system for Summer 2008 registration. Faculty expressed concern on switching away from the social security numbers to other ID numbers, because the scantron grading system is not compatible with the new ID numbers. Training will begin with the staff working as surrogate consultants to Sunguard Applications and training will follow for all those who will use the new systems.

XX. Old Business [35:55-42:40]

a. Committee on Committees [36:06-40:56]

Senator Schaller reported on the work of the other committees during the year including: Subcommittee A—revised OP on faculty consulting; Subcommittee C—evaluated the need for more child care and recommended the formation of an Ad hoc child care committee; Budget Committee—investigated integrating all TTU ID cards into one card; Subcommittee D—revised OP 68.01 pertaining to contacting the media. For more information please see the reports on the Faculty Senate Website.

b. Ad hoc Committee on Child Care [41:03-42:03]

Senator Marbley presented the work of the Committee to date. The Committee determined the CDRC will not meet faculty and staff needs and are currently evaluating other child day care models. The Committee is investigating the feasibility of hiring of a resource person to aid faculty and staff in finding day care.

c. Electronic Elections [42:09-42:40]

Vice President Meek indicated the special study committee has meet with Kathy Austin and may have electronic ballots software available by next fall.

XXI. New Business [42:50-50:25]

a. International Faculty Retention News [42:53-43:25]

Vice President Meek presented a report from the AAUP regarding the retention rates of foreign born faculty and the report found no anomalies. The report is present in the appendix of the minutes.

b. Library Resolution [43:28-50:25]

Vice President Meek brought forward a resolution thanking the actions of President Whitmore and Provost Marcy regarding the serial cuts. Passed. Available in the Appendix of the minutes.