

**Texas Tech University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Meeting #267
February 14, 2007**

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 in the Senate Room in the Student Union Building, with Vice President Shane Blum presiding.

Senators present were:

Alon Kvashny, Gad Perry, James Davis, James Carr, Lance Drager, Melanie Hart, Rhonda Boros, Charles Grair, Miles Kimball, Lewis Held, Randall Jeter, Scott Hein, Robert Ritchey, Arturo Olivarez, David Malone, Mary France Agnello, Gopal Lakhani, Michael Sobolewski, Cherif Amor, Shane Blum, Brent Shriver, Rosemary Dillon, Jennifer Spurrier, Todd Chambers, Jimmie Reeves, Tai Kreidler, Jane Ann Wilson, Satomi Niwayama, Genevieve Durham, Laurin Mann, Audra Morse, Christine Alvarado, Lawrence Mayer, Nancy Reed, Ben Shacklette, Gene Wilde

- I. Call to Order. Vice President Shane Blum called Meeting #267 to order at 3:22 PM, February 14, 2007.
- II. Recognition of Guests. President Smith recognized the following guests: Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs James Brink, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Liz Hall-Burns, Special Assistant to the President Mary Jane Hurst,
- III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of Meeting #267 brought forward for approval by President Smith. Minutes changed and approved.
- IV. Invited Guests:

Dr. Hall-Burns

Discussed the revisions of the tenure committee procedure. The Regents are reviewing the tenure policy to be approved in May. The goal is to make it more reader friendly and person friendly to understand the tenure process and appeals process. Other suggested changes and rationale for changes have been made to the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee. Now it is up to the faculty senate to provide feedback. Thanked Dr. Marcy for hiring a graduate student for help with the process.

V. Old Business

- a. Fall Break – October 12th suggested with modifications to finals. Still has to be approved by Regents
- b. Electronic Elections – officer elections will be paper voting
- c. Nominating Committee – 4 nominees; President – Gene Wilde, VP – Lawrence Mayer and Nancy Reed, Secretary – Genevieve Durham
- d. Committee Reports –
 1. Graduate School Council Committee Liaison Report – Senator Olivarez, graduate school is allowing GRE requirement to be decided by departments; trying to predict power of GRE, placing more of a responsibility of the departments
 2. Campus Parking Committee liaison – Senator Perry – the minutes are on the senate website, there will be an increase in parking of 3% to keep up with the cost. The BA building did not plan for parking so in the future we may see an increase in 40% to pay for parking garage. Another solution may be to make smaller increments over several years. Made suggestion to have Vice Chancellor Ellicot to explain policy. All in favor.
 3. Sub Committee A – Barnes and Noble – Senator Boros - Suggested that the faculty senate not approve proposal and have more discussions. We need to look at other universities policies and procedures.
 4. Academic affairs committee – Senator Wilde – online faculty evaluations and diversity classes – there is a problem with screen 12B. If key is not entered correctly than the evaluation is not administered correctly. Look at institutional research to expand views on evaluations of diversity classes and to re-evaluate how effective are evaluations
 5. Online Evaluation of Administration – all in favor of accepting committee report and moving forward with evaluation
 6. Library Committee - Provost Marcy – Structure of the committee is as follows: co-chaired by F.S. president and Dr. Liz Hall-Burns. In addition, 2 deans, dean of the library (ad-hoc), 6 faculty of equal representation (staggered schedule). Charges include operations budget, acquisitions budget. Recommendations will go to the President Advisory Council then Budget Committee if University is impacted.
 7. Room Capacity – Senator Blum – Tom Keenan in process of preparing report and will present at the march meeting

VI. New Business
None

VII. Announcements:

- a. March meeting has been moved to march 21st.
- b. Dr. James H. Smith thanked everyone for their support
- c. Library cards – can use copy card until July; can get refund if > \$20 on card, copy services is responsible for the decision to remove copiers NOT library
- d. Faculty staff ID cards – department will pay for them
- e. Intellectual Property Rights – revising Regent's rules, comments to Dean Smith by February 20th.

VIII. Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm.

** Note – the complete tape recording from this meeting is available for anyone interested.