

**Faculty Senate Minutes
September 11, 2019 #368**

Senators present were: Barnes, Farmer, Cox, Meyers, Sharma, Buelinckx, Perl, Al-Hmoud, Bishop, Borshuk, Brittsan, Collopy, Grair, Held, Jonsson, Kleinhans, Ladeira, Nathan, Novotny, Pare, Pihlaja, Rider, Skidmore, Walter, Wang, Boal, Cook, Romi, Jones, Hawley, Louis, Bayne, Parameswaran, Bradatan, Jai, Huston, Shumway, Weiser, Cochran, Watts, Callender, Cassidy, King, Weiner, Gotlieb, Eko, Langford, Calamoneri, Decker, Donahue, Flueckiger, Forrest.

Senators excused were: Franklin, Baker, Gilson, Juan, Ramkumar, Williams, Darwish and He. Parliamentarian Ryan Litsey is in Austin with the Texas Higher Education Fellowship group and Secretary Ramkumar is in Austria for the Global Fiber Congress conference as an invited speaker.

- **Call to order – Wes Cochran, Faculty Senate President – 3:18pm**
- **Introduction of Guests – 3:18pm**
- **Guests were:** Provost Micheal Galyean, Senior Vice Provost Rob Stewart, Tara Stevens-Ombudsperson, IRB liaison-CassiDe Street, Staff Senate-Dee Nguyen.

Minutes –

- President Cochran asked for discussion on May meeting minutes –a correction to the adjournment was given.
- Senator Nathan moved to vote on the minutes, Senator Boal seconded
- Minutes passed unanimously.

Speakers – 3:19pm Provost Michael Galyean made a presentation on the 86th legislative session and its impact on TTU’s FY 2020 budget. Provost’s Power Point presentation was distributed to the Faculty Senate.

Salient points from the Provost’s talk:

- Full funding for the School of Veterinary Medicine.
- Increased general revenue as a result of more semester credit hours taught and the state’s support of enrollment growth.
- Core Research funding – restored decrease from previous biennium.

Strategic Investments

- Increased support for both need- and merit-based scholarships: National Merit, Presidential Merit, Transfer, and focused Summer Scholarships.
- Faculty and staff support: 2% merit pool, funding for FY 2019 midyear and FY 2020 equity pools, additional support for spousal accommodations, and continued investment in diversity pool.
- Increased minimum wage to \$11/hour for full-time, benefits-eligible staff.
- Enhanced retirement contributions for both TRS and ORP.
- Continued funding for President’s Classroom and Teaching Lab renovations (HEF funds).

Provost presented some key initiatives of his office for Fall 2019. These are:

- Provost Faculty Fellow – academic-year position; involvement in all aspects of the work of the Office.
- Chairs Council
 - Meets 3 times each semester.
 - New handbook prepared as an informational resource.
- TrUE – Transformative Undergraduate Experience
 - Goal – every TTU graduate will have an extra-curricular, high-impact practice experience by 2025.
 - Research and creative activities, service learning, some types of study-away, etc.
 - Practices to be defined by colleges/departments
- COACHE Task Force Recommendations
 - College implementation of Faculty Affairs Councils yet to be implemented.
- Provost’s Task Force for Student Success and Retention
 - Working on a series of recommendations related to advising, withdrawal guidance, and other aspects of student success and retention.

Discussion item from Faculty Senators to the Provost were- Graduate Health insurance and changes in tuition funding.

Old Business-NONE

New Business- Committee on Committees-Linda Donahue presented the academic year 2019-20 committee assignments to the Senate and they were passed as presented.

Faculty Status and Welfare report on OPs

OP 70.40 Discussion and then passed as distributed.

OP 34.11 Discussion and a friendly amendment was suggested. FSW members approved amendment to suggest change to 1. a. to “either and unlikely” from neither and likely.

OP was passed with these revisions.

OP 40.02 After discussion this OP was sent back to committee with some Faculty Senate suggestions.

OP 61.XX Discussion on hate speech, disruptions of classes, fire lanes and free speech area by the Library. OP was passed as distributed.

Liaison Reports-NONE

Liaisons are needed to complete the list, encouraged Senators sign up.

One new liaison needed-Ad Hoc Committee-Spirit of Raiderland needs a Senator

Announcements-Senator Skidmore asked the Senate to check into the new dental Insurance-Dee Nguyen said the Staff Senate is currently looking into this also.

President Cochran suggested that the Faculty Senate coordinate with Staff Senate on this issue.

Adjournment-Motion made by Barnes and seconded by Buelinckx.