

## Faculty Senate Minutes for 4 Sept 2009

Call to order at 1200

Roll Call- All present with one vacancy to be filled as replacement for Dr. Randall Brown.

Guests: Dr. Kamal Parhizgar

Timothy Bogue

Welcome provided by Senate President Juan Homero Hinojosa

Introduction of new Senators:

Dr. Marvin Bennett

Dr. Jim Norris

Dr. Chen-Han-Sung

Mr. John Maxstadt

Senate Officers:

Dr. Juan H. Hinojosa

Dr. Pedro Hurtado-Vice President

Dr. Frances Rhodes- Parliamentarian/Elections Officer

Dr. Bill Riggs-Secretary

Senate Committees:

Academic Affairs Oversight Committee

Assessment Committee

Budget and Finance Committee

Committee on Committees

Faculty Handbook Revision Committee

Faculty Work Environment & Morale Committee

University Ethics Committee

Senate Committee Charges: President Hinojosa charged all committees to meet quickly, elect permanent chair and establish meeting schedules.

Vice -President Hurtado emphasized Senate priorities should focus of Faculty Handbook revision and Faculty evaluation forms.

Senator Riggs made a motion that agendas from the Executive Council and Advisory Committee be made available to the Senate members as soon as possible after these committees meet.

Motion was seconded and a brief discussion ensued; motion was called for vote and approved unanimously.

Guests:

Dr. Kamal Parhizgar from SSB stated the SSB faculty are committed to increased faculty involvement but did note there is some internal discussion among the SSB faculty concerning whether or not being a School of Business or a College of Business has lessened their prestige

Timothy Bogue from Killam Library reported on TAMU discussions regarding possible policy change for new library faculty. The TAMU system discussion focuses on whether to continue recruiting library faculty as tenure track appointments or to offer administrative contract. Any policy change would affect new faculty hires only. Mr. Bogue said he would keep the Faculty Senate up to date regarding the ongoing discussions.

Old Business:

Senator Townsend volunteered to continue serving on the Faculty Handbook revision committee.

Senator Townsend asked when the Administrators surveys completed in Spring would be distributed. President Hinojosa said he would get back to the Senate regarding this.

VP Hurtado added that the faculty handbook is intended to provide policy guidelines to serve faculty interests and as such the appendices should be considered as guidelines as well. The discussion focused specifically on the appendix outlining faculty course loads and whether the administration is going to accept implementation of the appendix governing courseloads.

Senator Maxstadt added that the issue always seems to be whether or not the University will follow its own identified due process procedures.

Senator Townsend asked what the status of the faculty "mentoring" policy established last year was. President Hinojosa said he would follow up and report back at the next Senate meeting.

New Business:

Senator Maxstadt informed the Senate of the new computer printing policy for students which establishes a maximum ceiling for copies in the library and that this policy was enacted without faculty consultation.

President Hinosjo informed the Senate of the new requirement for external letters of support for those seeking promotion to full professor.

Senate meetings will continue to be held on the first Friday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 1400.