

Faculty Senate Meeting

2 April 2010
12:00 n - 2:30 pm
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- I. Call to Order by Dr. W. Riggs at 12:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call : **Present:** Dr. M. Bennett, Dr. L. Brown, Dr. G. Clarke, Ms. V. Garcia, Dr. P. Hoang, Dr. J. Kilburn, Mr. J. Maxstadt, Dr. L. Prieto, Dr. C. Sung, Mr. B. Townsend, Dr. F. Rhodes, Dr. A. Ramirez, Dr. W. Riggs
- III. The minutes for the March 5th, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting were approved.
- IV. Our guests Dr. Keck and Dr. Arenaz were given the floor.

Dr. Keck:

- Will the Regents approve an increase in tuition and fees for the next calendar year? This will not be voted on until May, but they may let us raise tuition a maximum of 3.95%. Fees are uncertain because fees need to be dedicated for a specific purpose.
 - Library upkeep
 - Remodeling of the Student Center
- If tuition is allowed to be raised then we can have a 3% merit pool as the #1 priority
- Library is in desperate need of renovation, but that depends on whether or not we get a Tuition Revenue Bond. This could also help us get a Classroom Building.
- The possibility does exist that we will get no tuition or fee raise and they will take 5% of our budget off the top.
- The Regents do not want to hear the words “enrollment is capped”
 - Their solution; Faculty teach bigger classes and we hire more Adjuncts
- On the issue of Shared Governance there are a number of tasks that must be shared by Faculty and Administration to move toward common goals:
 - Recruiting students
 - Retaining Students
 - Graduate students in 4 to 6 years
 - Faculty to engage in sponsored research
- The Faculty need to look closely at the following issues and make sure we operate under the appropriate expectations of the Regents and beyond:
 - Developmental leave - not a reward, tangible outcomes are expected
 - Emeritus status - must have an exemplary career to qualify
 - Post Tenure Review - has to be honest and taken seriously

Dr. Arenaz:

- Tamiu's 2 year retention rate is 50%; which puts us in the 'middle of the pack'.
- We need to continue to grow at a rate of 10% per year.

Dr. Keck and Dr. Arenaz both thanked the Faculty Senate Handbook Committee for all of their hard work.

V. Agenda Items and Discussion:

- Honor Code Revisions

Dr. Riggs presented the Honor Code with the current revisions for a vote so that it could become an appendix to the Faculty Handbook. Mr. Townsend brought up the fact that as an appendix to the Handbook all changes that are made to it should go through the Faculty Senate for a vote. A motion was made to approve the Honor Code with the provision that an addition be added to it that requires Faculty Senate approval for any changes. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous in approval.

- Administrator Evaluations

There was an issue with Administrator evaluations and the anonymity of the evaluators and the possibility of low turnout due to this issue. The motion was made to have the evaluations brought to their individual Faculty Senators.

- Assessment Committee

Was asked to look into modifying the current Administrator evaluations and to work with an Administrative representative(s) to do so. Also, the Committee was asked to look into the evaluation of the Faculty Senate itself and how such would be implemented. The suggestion was made that this could tie into the student evaluations of the Faculty and how this should be handled hence forth.

- Elections Officer

Dr. Rhodes reported that the first call for elections will begin on the following Monday and elections will take place on the week of the 20th.

- Handbook Committee

Mr. Townsend and Mr. Maxstadt reported that the handbook has been trimmed down to 72 pages by reorganizing and removing redundancies and no 'substantive' changes were made. A motion was made and seconded to send it along to the President and the Provost. The motion was approved unanimously. It was noted that the changes that were voted on in 2009 were not included in this current revision.

- Faculty Work and Moral Committee

The Faculty Work and Moral Committee were asked to review the Faculty Questionnaires and come up with at least 3 items that the Senate could concentrate on accomplishing in the following year.

VI. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was approved at 2:17 p.m.