

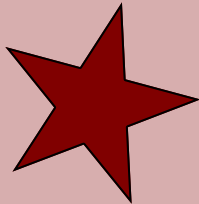
Faculty Senate

Newsletter

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Update from October 9, 2009

Roll Call/Quorum 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes (September 11, 2009 Special Meeting)

- 1st - R. DelloStritto; 2nd - O.J. Bowman. Passed unanimously

Approval of Agenda

- Add Dr. Kay Clayton as Guest Speaker
- Move Committee Selection Committee Vacancies from Unfinished Business to New Business
- Remove Remote Computer Access Concern from New Business
- Add 2 Resolutions on Course Evaluation under New Business
- 1st - O.J. Bowman; 2nd - Roger Shipley. Passed as amended.

Report from Speaker - Larry Petterborg

- New Ad Hoc Committee - Formal Faculty Participation in Financial Planning Issues led by Dr. Kerry Webb and Mr. Jeffrey Robb. Communication with administration about plans for likely future budget cuts and to draft a proposed Financial Exigency Policy that recognizes the role of the faculty as a partner with the administration in deciding what measures will be taken to address severe financial problems faced by the University.
- The Lasso - Anonymous Letter printed on behalf of a faculty member. We are failing in our responsibilities as representatives of the Faculty if we are unaware of these concerns. Faculty need to know that if they are uncomfortable with addressing the administration directly, they may bring their questions to the Senate. We encourage the faculty to bring their concerns to us.

**Guest Speakers: Dr. Kay Clayton, Provost
Dr. Derrell Bulls, Ombudsperson
Harold Johnson, Assoc. VP Facilities Management & Construction**

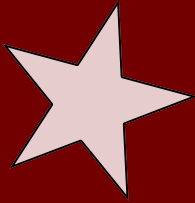
Dr. Kay Clayton, Provost

- In terms of the budget, there is thinking ahead. Increased class sizes are due to enrollment growth, not budget cuts. The exercises the chairs and the deans worked on this fall won't take effect until Spring of 2010. Higher Education will probably not fair well in Jan 2011, but Texas is better off than other states.
- HB 2504 - Posting of Course Information. Includes sections on academic issues; budget sections, Dr. Floyd is working on; student work study programs, Dr. Nicholas is working on. A "Plan" for putting all UG course evaluations on the web must be done by Jan 2011. Expect the next session of legislature to require that the evaluations be posted, but for now, all that is required is the "Plan". Small group has been appointed, led by Dr. Stankey requires all syllabi (undergraduate courses only) be posted on web; specifies what has to be included, requires vitae for all faculty that teach UG courses. Must be posted by the 7th class day of each semester beginning Fall 2010.

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Guest Speakers - (continued)

Dr. Clayton (continued)

- Not many comments or feedback on rules for implementation of HB 2504, but we are recommending changes on 3 parts. (1) Vitae to only include institutions from which degrees were granted; (2) positions of employment beginning and ending dates not be required, seems irrelevant to the purpose of the legislation; and (3) recommended minimum for evaluation be changed to 10 instead of 5.
- Federal Law HEOA 2008 Section 112 - Textbook Information - new federal law that requires us to include textbook information with our class schedule. Must be implemented no later than July 1, 2010. Since students can register in April for fall, we will need to have the textbook information early in the spring semester so that it can be added before the schedule is open for registration.
- Oracle-Datatel conversion project is scheduled to be done over the Christmas holidays. This project will start as soon as possible after Commencement to take advantage of the down time - when use of the system is at a minimum - because the project is a huge undertaking. The system will need to be back up and running as soon as possible in January because we will need it for registration of students after the holidays.

Dr. Darrell Bulls, Ombudsperson

- Role of Ombudsperson was established by the Faculty Senate to designate a neutral or impartial person whose major function is to provide informal assistance to University faculty and professional librarians.
- Faculty Senate recommends an Ombudsperson, who serves a 2 year contract as a quarter time position.
- Dr. Bulls has served in Higher Education for 53 years on numerous committees and is currently in his last year of his second 2 year term.
- Any issues needed will be discussed in an independent, impartial/neutral, confidential, informal manner and will comply with all the professional competences and ethics of the International Ombudsman Association
- Contact him on the web or at his office: CFO 401 X 2102.

Dr. Harold Johnson, Assoc, VP Facilities Management & Construction

- Dallas Projects - \$55 M 8-story building
- Internal demolition of existing building - 2011 complete
- MCL 6, 7 & 8th floor major renovation - early spring 2011
- Recreation facility = \$20 M = demolition of old Redbud Auditorium
- Electrical Information Construction - \$6-7M = update electrical
- Stoddard Hall - Exterior/Foundation repairs
- Library - Roofing Repairs
- Parking concerns - aware of problem, Preliminary looks at old residence hall, but no funding at this time.
- Dr. Clayton mentioned worst parking times is between 10 am to 1 pm.

Report from Speaker Pro Tem - Kerry Webb

- Need to set-up date with both Dallas and Houston Faculty for Dr. Petterborg and Dr. Webb to visit with campuses, possibly a Monday in Dallas and a Friday in Houston. Please see him to coordinate dates.

Report from Secretary - Brenda Binder

- No report.

Report from Liaison to Texas Council of Faculty Senates - O. Jayne Bowman

- No report.

Standing Committee Reports and Business

Academic freedom and Responsibility (Ron Fannin)

2nd Reading of Course Evaluation (Unfinished Business)

2 Resolutions regarding Course Evaluation (New Business)

Academic Standards (Jeff Robb)

Turn-it-in Policy - take another look at policy as people are using it to see if any changes need to be made.

New Ad Hoc Committee - group hopes to restore some confidence loss based on letters received at The Lasso and the frustration of the faculty - group will seek input as they work on the policy paper.

2nd Reading of Distance Education Policy (Unfinished Business)

Administrator Evaluations (Sherry Carter)

Oct 6th Committee Meeting regarding revising evaluations that were started last year.

Session 2 of 2009 - Administrator Evaluations, will go out this month with reports out in January

Budget (Kyle Biggerstaff)

Dr. MaryAnn McDuff helpful - continuing to work on budget issues.

Lab Fees that are being brought back to department, may be moved to course fee category - will be looking into this.

Committee Selection Committee (O. Jayne Bowman)

Committee Selection Committee Vacancies (New Business)

Constitutions and Bylaws (Roger Shipley)

Currently working on updated title for Chancellor/President, since changes editorial, don't have to go out to Faculty.

Faculty Handbook Committee will be added upon approval at the next Regents meeting.

Elections (James Espinosa)

Chairs are to be elected this month for the FEDC, FRC and FDLC Committees.

Faculty Handbook Committee (Linda Ladd/Eula Oliphant)

Have begun working on organization and structure of the handbook and then will focus on policies.

Reports from University Committee Representatives

Curriculum (Eula Oliphant) - See attached report.

Faculty Evaluation and Development (Gerald Goodman) - no report

Graduate Council (Chad Smith) - no report

Undergraduate Council (Kimberly Booker) - no report



The Faculty Senate is responsible for shared governance with the TWU Administration in that the Senate recommends academic policies, provides a voice for faculty concerns and issues germane to the Faculty Senate mandate that are pertinent to faculty at the individual, group, or department level.

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If you have an issue or concern that you wish to share with the Faculty Senate, please contact the Faculty Senate office and/or the Speaker of the Faculty Senate.

2009-2010 Senate Officers

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- Dr. Kerry Webb, Pro Tem** 940.898.2104
- Dr. Brenda Binder, Secretary** 713.794.2887



Unfinished Business:

- 2nd Reading of Course Evaluation Policy (Fannin)
Motion made by Ron Fannin to postpone reading until November to work on amendments, 2nd by O. Bowman. Passed/Opposed 2
- 2nd Reading Distance Education Policies (Robb)
Motion made by Jeff Robb regarding revised Distance Education Policies.. Passed/Opposed 1

New Business:

- Committee Selection Committee Vacancies (Bowman)
Research Support Committee - Michael Wiebe to replace Brian Leavell (2nd, Ron Fannin, passed)
University Curriculum Committee - Jeffrey Strain as a member. (2nd Ron Fannin, passed)
- Resolution
Resolution Concerning Faculty Involvement in Developing the Process of Course Evaluation. Passed Unanimously.
Resolution Concerning Limiting the Publication of Course Evaluation Information to Include Only Statistical Data.
Passed Unanimously.

Motion made by O. J. Bowman to adjourn meeting at 12:25 pm second by Ron Fannin. Unanimous.

New Concerns and Comments

- **Dr. Anne Simpson - HB 2504 - Request Senate to continue to follow—department concerns.**
- **Dr. Linda Ladd requests the Parking Issue remain on agenda—Possibly speak with Dr. Floyd.**
- **Mr. Jeffrey Robb - discussion of student problem - any new information? Will be discussed at Oct Executive Meeting.**
- **Dr. Kyle Biggerstaff - tree planting on Nov 4th at 4:30 pm - In Memory of Dr. Brian Leavell.**

NEXT MEETING:
EXECUTIVE MEETING- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009
GENERAL SESSION - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2009

