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FACULTY ASSEMBLY/SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 6th, 2012, 3:00 pm
Hannah Hall, Room 111

Senator Members Chair & Vice Chair

Dr. Rasoul Saneifard (Chair) College of Science and Technology
Dr. Vera Hawkins (Vice Chair) School of Communication

Senate Members Present

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| Akpaffiong, Macaulay | College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences |
| Brooks de Vita, Alexis | English, Editor <i>Faculty Speaks</i> |
| Cavil, Jafus | College of Education, Secretary |
| Ford, Robert | College of Science and Technology, Parliamentarian |
| Georges-Abeyie, Daniel | School of Public Affairs |
| Ghemri, Lila | College of Science and Technology |
| Hawkins, Vera | School of Communication, Vice Chair |
| Hill, Cassandra | TM School of Law |
| Johnson, Linda | College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences |
| Kellum, Sharlette A. | Graduate School |
| Mosley, Erma Dianne | College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences |
| Opolot, James | School of Public Affairs |
| Owens, Emiel | College of Education |
| Saneifard, Rasoul | College of Science and Technology, Chair |
| Sen, Lalita | School of Public Affairs |
| Sherif, Karma | JHJ School of Business |
| Song, Holim | College of Education |
| Woldie, Mammo | JHJ School of Business |
| Yousefipour, Zivar | College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences |

Senate Members/Colleges Absent

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| Beineman, Chris | College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences |
| Desselle, Bettye | JHJ School of Business |
| Eaton, Angie | College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences |
| Khosrovani, Masoomeh | School of Communication |
| Javadian, Mohsen | College of Science and Technology |
| Lin, Cheng Feng C. | College of Science and Technology |
| Perkyns, Jane | College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences |

Guest from Faculty Assembly

Dr. Doris Jackson College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Call to Order

C = Comments, R: Response, and Q = Question

Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the December 2012 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:07pm on Thursday, December 6, 2012.



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C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Introduced Provost Ohia's dialogue over concerns amongst the Faculty Senate Body.

Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins: When will we receive the report? What about the administrators (Dean's and Chair's report)? Senator Parliamentarian Robert Ford: Senator Editor De Vita Brooks, Was this completed arbitrary? Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins: Recommendation for additional meeting. Senator Treasurer Lalita Sen ask when report on salary request?

Visitor Dr. Jackson: What was the name of the firm was contracted to perform the search for the Dean of College of the Pharmacy? Would like to receive information? Provost Ohia stated faculty was appointed as part of the search committee. The group recommended four individuals (three females, one male). All four were brought in for interviews. The process is ongoing. A meeting with the provost will be scheduled.

Senator James Opolot stated he wants it on the record that when the University General Council visited the senate faculty that Senator James Opolot stated the senate needs its' own legal representation.

Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard will ask for the document presented to the Board of Regents.

Senator Treasurer Lalita Sen stated since we left the old house we have not found the records of books that were established during that period of time.

Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard request that all documented information comes from one source and in this forum from the chair, if the chair is incapacitated then the vice chair. Senator Emiel Owens, Senator Mammo Woldie, Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie, Senator Editor De Vita Brooks, and Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins.

Senator Dianne Mosley suggested that a review of the bylaws could be addressed in the January meeting.

Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins introduced the Senate Officers as a recognize body to represent the faculty senate.

Senator Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil moved that an overview session for the Faculty Bylaws for the February meeting. The motion was second by Senator Mammo Woldie.

Senator Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil moved that the faculty senate allow the elected officers to use the title Senate Officers and use the Operating Guidelines as a working document until it can be formerly approved by ratification of the bylaws. The motion was second by Senator Mammo Woldie.

Senator Emiel Owens provided a motion for Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard to forward the university salary report to the Faculty Senators from each representative academic unit. The Faculty Senators will have an opportunity to provide the document to their faculty colleagues as requested by their faculty constituents. The motion was second by Senator Lila Ghemri.

Yes 11, No 3, Abstain 0



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Approval of the 1 November 2012 Senate Meeting Minutes

Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard distributed paper draft copies of the November 2012 minutes to Senators. Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins moved the minutes be accepted as read and any changes would be email to Ms. Gunter. The motion amended by Senator Alexis Brooks de Vita for Senator Secretary Cavil to approve the changes. The motion was second by Senator Parliamentarian Robert Ford.

Senator Mammo Woldie moved McKen Carrington to lead us in the capacity of legal representative. The motion was second by Senator Macaulay Akpaffiong. A brief three minute introduction of Carrington was presented.

Committee Reports

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Requested an update of the standing committees as follows:

-OIT: Dr. Robert Ford, Dr. Lila Ghemri, Dr. Karma Sherif*, Dr. Holim Song, and Dr. C. Tymczak**

Report –The committee will continue to move forward with questionnaire report. The University OIT at this time has not provided a strategic plan for the direction of the campus OIT goals.

-Budget: Dr. Bettye Desselle**, Dr. Mammo Woldie*, Dr. Lalita Sen, and Dr. Sharlette Kellum

Report – The committee has met and will continue to work on behalf of the faculty. Create a summary of the committee position on faculty raises.

-Election: Dr. Doris Jackson*, Dr. Lila Ghemri**, Dr. Karma Sherif, and Dr. Linda Johnson

Report – The committee is here to serve the faculty assembly and senate. Please provide some suggestions on where the faculty senate and faculty assembly would suggest the committee focus its time.

-Administrators Surveys: Dr. Doris Jackson, Dr. Brooks de Vita, Dr. Dianne Mosley*, Dr. Janet Perkyns**, Dr. Chris Beineman, and Kirsteryn Gunter

No report at this time.

-Benefits: Dr. Lalita Sen*, Dr. Angie Eaton, Dr. James Opolot, and Dr. Zivar Yousefipour

No report at this time.

-Comprehensive Assessment: Dr. Robert Ford*, Dr. Brooks de Vita, Dr. Vera Hawkins**, Dr. Cheng Lin, Dr. Emiel Owens, and Dr. Macaulay Akpaffiong

No report at this time.

-Faculty Welfare: Dr. Vera Hawkins*, Dr. James Opolot, Dr. Daniel Georges-Abeyie, and Dr. Brooks de Vita

No report at this time.

** Chair of the Committee; ** Vice Chair of the Committee*

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: The Committees were given a charge to move forward with the work of the Faculty Senate.

Old Business



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Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie ask question about low producing-programs.

Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins and Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard provided context about the governance by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of low producing-programs.

New Business

No report at this time.

Adjourn Meeting

C: Senator Mammo Woldie: Moved to close the meeting and Senator Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil seconded the motion.