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FACULTY ASSEMBLY/SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March, 7th, 2013, 3:00 pm
Hanna 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

Akpaffiong, Macaulay	College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Brooks de Vita, Alexis	English, Editor <i>Faculty Speaks</i>
Desselle, Bettye	JHJ School of Business
Eaton, Angie	College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Ford, Robert	College of Science and Technology, Parliamentarian
Georges-Abeyie, Daniel	School of Public Affairs
Hawkins, Vera	School of Communication, Vice Chair
Hill, Cassandra	TM School of Law
Kellum, Sharlette A.	Graduate School
Johnson, Linda	College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Lin, Cheng Feng C.	College of Science and Technology
Mosley, Erma Dianne	College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Opolot, James	School of Public Affairs
Saneifard, Rasoul	College of Science and Technology, Chair
Sherif, Karma	JHJ School of Business
Sen, Lalita	School of Public Affairs
Woldie, Mammo	JHJ School of Business

Senate Members/Colleges Absent

Beineman, Chris	College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Ghemri, Lila	College of Science and Technology
Khosrovani, Masoomah	School of Communication
Javadian, Mohsen	College of Science and Technology
Perkyns, Jane	College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Song, Holim	College of Education
Yousefipour, Zivar	College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Guest from Faculty Assembly

Carrington, McKen	TM School of Law - (Faculty Legal Issues Representative)
Gunter, Kirsteryn	Sr. Administrative Assistant, Faculty Senate
LaBrie, Lorie	Special Director/ Assistant to the Provost
Ohia, Sunny	Provost/ VP of Academic Affairs

Call to Order

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



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Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the March 2013 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:14pm on Thursday, March 7, 2013.

Approval of the 7 February 2013 Senate Meeting Minutes

With one edit from Senator Brooks de Vita the minutes from February 2013 were read and approved.

Provost Dr. Ohia Q / A

Q: Senator Alexis Brooks de Vita, What is the process for students enrolling into a course past the 20 day enrollment deadline?

A: Provost Ohia, This should have been addressed.

Q: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie, What about book vouchers? Several student-athletes suggest they have book vouchers, but are not purchasing their books for their courses?

A: Provost Ohia, This was addressed before. It should be noted that 95% of our student body is on some form of financial aid. Many students are filing their FASFA too late. So funds are not received in a timely matter.

Q: Senator Sharlette A. Kellum, An email was sent to a faculty member regarding underperformance and that they should attend TLEC. What is the mechanism to trigger a faculty member as underperforming?

A: Provost Ohia, Such language should not be used towards faculty. We, as a university, are measured by graduation rates. We should encourage faculty to understand that this is the case and the TLEC was developed to provide opportunity for our faculty to gain additional knowledge.

Q: Senator Robert Ford, Can you recommend to the president that TLEC become a remediation component? Peer review regarding remediation.

A: Provost Ohia, Suggest as the governing body come up with a recommendation of best practices for TLEC.

Statements/Suggestions

Senator Mosley, Students should be involved in the process.

Senator Hawkins, Be mindful of negative thoughts on TLEC if it is viewed as a punitive measure.

Senator Mosley, What about positive intervention?

Provost Ohia, Remember administrators are faculty, as well.

Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie, Graduation rates are not the only measure.

Senator Sharlette A. Kellum, Dean Bullard issued an emergency meeting for the Department of Administrative of Justice regarding possibility of losing program, could you expound on this issue?

Provost Ohia, Regarding (program) Doctoral Faculty in PhD program research is not where it suppose to be, in regards to publication, grants, and research. This is an issue at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board level as well. We must address this issue.



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Faculty Senate Body

Recommendation: We should have a monthly or bi-monthly meeting with the Provost that is an open forum format for further dialogue.

Senator Mammo Woldie, What about the summer budget?

Provost Ohia, Last year, the summer budget was increased because it was count year. So, departments were encouraged to increase course offerings. With the budget being cut, departments were asked to go back to the original budget, only offering courses that are usually offered during the summer and consideration of offering courses as a priority for students graduating.

Discussion

Ad Hoc committee on creating \$10,000 degree

Texas Higher Education (The Day at Texas Capital):

Comments

Senator Robert Ford, It could have been more effective if students were more informed about the process.

Senator Cavil, It was an opportunity for Texas Southern University to have a significant presence at the Capital.

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie, Performance based funding is going to be a new issue.

C: Senator Hawkins, Faculty Chair should be present with President Rudley to provide support and a voice from the Faculty Assembly for the TSU Day at the Capital.

Senator Rasoul Saneifard (Chair)

- I. Accountability
- II. Post tenure review
- III. Election
 - a. Recommendation for the administration to pay for the cost of the election
 - b. Place a line item for funding for election
 - i. Senator Sherif, send out announcement for nomination and then election
 1. April 1st – Announcement (Will review manual)
 2. April 15th – Forum
 3. April 30th – Election

Senator Hawkins, Recommendation: To move the date for the Faculty Election announcement up.

Senator Hawkins, Recommendation: Proposal for Compensation (The Academic Year: 2012-2013, \$5,000.00), Dr. Brooks de Vita for Faculty Speaks. The money will be allocated from Provost Ohia's budgets.

Discussion

Senator Lalita Sen, Senator Vera Walker-Hawkins (Vice Chair), Senator Rasoul Saneifard (Chair), Senator Brooks de Vita, and Senator Mammo Woldie regarding the faculty manual.



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After the discussion and based on the suggestion of the McKen Carrington (Faculty Legal Issues Representative), the Faculty decided to take no voting action on the proposal for compensation and would support Provost Ohia's contribution to allocate funds from his budget to close the funding issue of the Faculty Speaks.

Committee Reports

-OIT: Dr. Robert Ford, Dr. Lila Ghemri, Dr. Karma Sherif*, Dr. Holim Song, and Dr. C. Tymczak**
Schedule a meeting on Monday, cancelled. Meeting will be scheduled for after the spring.

-Budget: Dr. Bettye Desselle**, Dr. Mammo Woldie*, Dr. Lalita Sen, and Dr. Sharlette Kellum
No, report at this time

-Election: Dr. Doris Jackson*, Dr. Lila Ghemri**, Dr. Karma Sherif, Dr. Linda Johnson, and Dr. James Opolot
Report issued above (Senator Opolot stated he is on the committee, request name be added above, his name was appropriately added to the committee)

-Administrators Surveys: Dr. Doris Jackson, Dr. Brooks de Vita, Dr. Dianne Mosley*, Dr. Janet Perkyns**, Dr. Chris Beineman, and Kirsteryn Gunter
Ready to move forward (Publicly, thanked Mrs. Gunter for her assistance with the committee)

-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
* Chair of the Committee; ** Vice Chair of the Committee
No, report at this time

-\$10,000 Degree: Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil*, Dr. Brooks de Vita**, and Dr. Vera Hawkins
* Chair of the Committee; ** Vice Chair of the Committee
Report issued above

Old Business

-N/A

No New Business

-N/A

Adjourn Meeting

C: Meeting Adjourned