

Minutes, Baylor University Faculty Senate

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The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Senate Chair Patton and offered an opening invocation.

Senator Baldrige made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting, which was seconded by Senator Pounders and passed.

Chair Patton introduced Lenore Wright from the Academy for Teaching and Learning (ATL).

- She explained that focus groups were underway surveying diverse ranks of Baylor faculty in order to assess the effectiveness of the ATL and what improvements need to be made.
- Senators expressed appreciation for the range of services offered by ATL and for the way in which the Academy elevates teaching at Baylor.

Chair Patton reminded the Senate that elections are coming up in April.

He also announced that an interim final report on the use of Academic Analytics will come out that will discourage the use of AA as a summative tool in evaluating faculty.

Senator Still explained how the search committee for a new provost (which he will chair) will be put together and how they will proceed with the search.

- The majority of the members on the committee will come from the faculty, and a search firm will be retained to solicit the richest possible candidate pool from across the nation.
 - The search will be advertized by the end of the semester, with the hope that a new provost will be in place by June 1, 2015.
- Senator Still solicited questions and input from the Senate.

- Several senators expressed appreciation for the fact that the faculty has a greater role to play in this search than in previous provost searches.
- It was stated that an ideal provost will have a strong sense both of the uniqueness of Baylor as well as a solid awareness of the universe outside of Baylor.
 - It was also noted that any future provost should share the vision of *Pro Futuris*.

A motion to adjourn was made by Senator Baldrige. It was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Coker