

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

4 May 2010  
Room 303, Cashion  
2:00 pm

**Members Present:** Senators Baker, Erich; Jim Patton for Baldrige, R. S.; Beal, Ron; Blackwell, Frieda; Bowman, Judy; Boyd, Jean; Cannon, Raymond; Diaz-Granados, Jaime; Duhrkopf, Richard; Garner, Linda; Green, Georgia; Harvey, Barry; Hurtt, David; Johnsen, Susan; Korpi, Michael; Lehr, Larry; Paul Larson for Michael Long, Longfellow, David; Losey, Jay; Madden, Stan; McKinney, Tim; Myers, Dennis; Neubert, Mitchell; Nunley, Patricia; Patterson, Rita; Pennington, David; Rosenbaum, Stuart; Sharp, Pat; Spain, Rufus; Still, Todd; Stone, Sara; Supplee, Joan; Vitanza, Dianna, Walter, Janelle; Wood, Randy.

**Members Absent:** Senators McGlashan, Ann; Losey, Jay

### I. Call to Order

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 2:05 and recognized special guests Lois Myers, Matt Cordon and Interim Provost Davis.

### II. Approval of Agenda

Senator Longfellow moved to approve the Senate meeting agenda. Senator Blackwell seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

### III. Invocation

Senator Mitch Neubert provided an invocation.

### IV. Special Guest Presentations

- a. Interim Provost Davis was introduced to reflect on items accomplished during the academic school year. She highlighted several items.
  - i. She noted progress in overall collegiality, research and community outreach, such as BRIC. This is a long term goal and reflects an additional commitment to Baylor's working with the community. Baylor will be measured on how we follow through on this commitment.
  - ii. Provost Davis recognized 100 years of a nursing program at Baylor.
  - iii. Baylor's opportunity to formalize a relationship with Baylor College of Medicine and the decisions made to keep the institutions independent is an affirmation of Baylor today. It is the right decision for Baylor University.
  - iv. Provost Davis celebrated our financial stability. Baylor is the only Big XII university giving raises and continuing with some hiring. This year Baylor had (at least) 63 new faculty, half of those replacements for vacant positions.
  - v. Lecture issues received a recommendation from the FS, and will be addressed this summer with the creation of a lecturer policy task force.
  - vi. Provost Davis stated that issues involving summer compensation are being actively addressed. It is her opinion that the administration creates unneeded

work for itself and can approach this issue more efficiently. The administration will be working closely with the College of A & S.

- vii. There is a task force looking into space utilization around campus. The task force consists of Lee Nordt, Jon Engelhardt, Dennis Myers, Gardner Campbell, Naymond Keathley, Stan Love, Brian Nicholson, Ruth Prescott, Lois Ferguson, and Robyn Driskell. Their findings will be presented to the FS and the council of Deans.
  - viii. Provost Davis pointed out that new university president, Judge Starr, is on campus and actively engaged in conversations with faculty and fundraising opportunities.
- b. Interim Provost Davis took several questions from the FS.
- i. Responding to a question about the university's relation with the BAA, Provost Davis stated that she was not involved in those conversations and that Judge Starr is continuing the process of learning about the pertinent issues. She stated that some dialogue between Judge Starr and BAA representatives has taken place.
  - ii. Provost Davis was asked about her Interim title and if Judge Starr has had any conversation with her about the Provost position. She stated that there has been no conversation.
  - iii. A Senator asked Provost Davis if Judge Starr was bringing any additional staff with him. She was not aware of any.
- c. Provost Davis assisted in presenting tokens of appreciation to faculty members rotating off of the Senate: Judy Bowman, Jean Boyd, Jamie Diaz-Granados, Georgia Green, Michael Kopi, Larry Lehr, David Pennington, Stuart Rosenbaum, Dianna Vitanza, Janelle Walter, and Randy Wood. FS chair-elect, Raymond Cannon, recognized FS chairman Dennis Myers with a plaque and gavel.

## **V. Approval of Minutes**

Senator Baldrige moved that the minutes of the March Senate meeting should be approved as distributed. Senator Longfellow seconded the motion; it passed with unanimous voice vote.

## **VI. Old business**

### **a. Lecturer Proposal.**

The Lecturer Proposal is in the hands of the provost's office.

### **b. Summer Compensation.**

The administration is in the process of putting together a modified approach.

c. Change in Faculty Senate Bylaw.

The committee moves to change the Faculty Senate by-laws as indicated in the proposal. The committee tried to be sensitive to anonymity, optional use of the Baylor IT infrastructure, transparency of nominations, and decision of ties. A vote will be taken during the next FS meeting.

d. Pre-registration Concerns.

The FS reiterated that the process for deciding who gets pre-registration privileges must be identified. Currently, it appears the registrar's office makes unilateral decisions regarding early registration. Chairman Myers stated that he would attempt to find out how many special exemption categories exist and how many students are in each category.

Chairman Myers appointed an *ad hoc* committee to investigate the issue: Senators Dianna Vitanza, Janelle Walters, Barry Harvey, and Frieda Blackwell (chair).

e. Nominating Committee.

The FS executive nominating committee presented the following names for consideration: Chair-elect, Rosalie Beck; secretary, Todd Still; publicity, Mitch Neubert. There were no nominations from the floor and nominees were approved via acclamation. Chair-elect Cannon appointed at-large members Jim Patton and Trisha Nunley to the executive committee.

f. Bookstore concerns.

Dennis Myers directed the FS to a memo provided by Chris Krause stating that the bookstore contract is periodically renegotiated and concerns should be brought to the bookstore committee.

**VII. Committee / Liaison Reports**

a. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Chairman Myers. No Report.

b. Academic Freedom: Senator Longfellow. No report.

c. Enrollment Management: Senator Lehr. No Report.

d. Student Life: Senator Wood. No Report.

e. Ad Hoc Committee on Master Teacher: Senator Pennington reported that he will continue to work on the master teacher award after he rotates off of the FS.

f. Ad Hoc Committee on Parking Services: Senator Vitanza. No Report.

g. Ad Hoc Committee on Summer Compensation: Senator Vitanza. Reported as Old Business.

h. Liaison Reports

i. Council of Deans: Senator Myers. No Report.

ii. Athletic Council: Senator Blackwell reported that the athletic banquet was held May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Several students received Big XII academic honors. She also noted that some changes in NCAA by-laws will affect students seeking to transfer.

iii. Personnel Policies: Ron Beal. No Report.

- iv. Staff Council: No Report.
- v. Admissions: Senator Harvey. No Report.

**VIII. New Business**

a. Committee on Committees

Matt Cordon, the chair of the committee on committees, presented the committee's report to the FS. It was approved unanimously by voice vote.

b. Retreat

The FS retreat is scheduled for the Saturday before school starts, probably lunch instead of breakfast. Chairman Myers also pointed out the Provost's office will increase the FS budget for 2010-2011.

c. Nominating Committee

Ron Beal agreed to serve as the chair of the FS nominating committee for 2010-2011. Senator Boyd, Lehr, and Diaz-Granados will also be serving on the committee.

d. Study Abroad

It has come to the attention of the FS that the international programs office is turning down opportunities for funded research in several hot international areas, possibly due to State Dept. watch lists. The General Counsel's office is also thought to be somehow involved this process. Chairman Myers, with support of the FS, will investigate the university process for determining which countries or regions are allowable.

**IX. Adjournment**