

Faculty Senate Minutes
March 1, 2011 • Cashion 111
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Senators Baker, Erich; Baker, Lori; Baldrige, R. S.; Beal, Ron; Beard, DeAnna Toten; Beck, Rosalie; Blackwell, Frieda; Claybrook, Doug; Duhrkopf, Richard; Harvey, Barry; Hurtt, David; Johnsen, Susan; Jordan, Mary Ann; Long, Michael; Losey, Jay; McKinney, Tim; Madden, Stan; Nuebert, Mitchell; Myers, Dennis; Nunley, Patricia; Odegaard, Tom; Patton, Jim; Patteson, Rita; Sharp, Pat; Shoaf, Mary Margaret; Spain, Rufus; Still, Todd; Stone, Sara; Supplee, Joan; Walter, Janelle

Members Absent: Senators Beckwith, Frank; Cannon, Raymond; Hanks, Tom; Parrish, Michael (substituting in Spring 2011 for David Longfellow); Paschal, John

I. Call to Order

Chair-elect Beck called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

II. Invocation

Senator Blackwell offered an invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Senator Duhrkopf moved that the February 2011 Faculty Senate Minutes be approved as distributed. Senator Johnsen seconded the motion. The Senate was unanimous in its affirmation of the motion.

IV. Old Business

- A.** Committee on Status of Lecturers—Dr. Bennighoff has drafted a policy and has met with a faculty committee regarding the same. In the near future, the Deans and the Senate will receive this policy for review.
- B.** Criteria for Master Teacher Designation—Dr. Pennington is still working on this matter. It is presently being considered by the Administration.
- C.** Committee to study transfer credit—There is reportedly a taskforce studying transfer credit. Chair Cannon is in conversation with the Provost to ensure faculty input on this matter.
- D.** Senate elections—Senator Still outlined the upcoming Senate elections.
- E.** Strategic Planning—Senator Nuebert gave a report regarding the strategic planning process. At present, the Strategic Themes Committee is working on how to collate and weigh input.

V. Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Myers)—No report
- B. Academic Freedom (Sharp)—No report
- C. Enrollment Management (Beck)—No report
- D. Student Life (Stone)—Senator Stone reported that a feasibility study is underway for the proposed East Village Project. She also noted that this summer more Baylor students than ever before will be involved with summer mission trips. Other topics of conversation included: Baylor Line Camp; recruitment of faculty sponsors for student groups; sidewalks leading to Ferrell Center; and shuttle buses for basketball games.
- E. Liaison Reports
 - i. Council of Deans (Cannon)—No report
 - ii. Athletic Council (Blackwell)—No report
 - iii. Personnel, Benefits, Compensation (Madden)—No report
 - iv. Personnel Policies (Beal/Nunley)—No report
 - v. Admission (Harvey)—No report
 - vi. Staff Council (Patton)—No report

VI. New Business

- A. Change in the Regents' By-laws—The Board of Regents voted at their February meeting to amend the university's by-laws by allowing up to 25 percent of the board to be composed of fellow Christians who are active members of a church in a historic Christian tradition other than Baptist. At least 75 percent of the board will continue to be comprised of regents who are active members of Baptist churches. Chair-elect Beck will ask Chair Cannon to see if he can secure a copy of the Regents' bylaws. The Executive Committee will stay apprised of important developments relative to this issue.
- B. University Sing—One Senator raised a concern regarding University Sing. The Senate requested that Chair Cannon invite Kevin Jackson to a subsequent Senate meeting to address this ongoing and escalating problem.
- C. Handguns on University Campuses—This is a continued concern of the Senate that will soon come before the Texas legislature.

- D. The School of Social Work will host an open house at its new location (811 Washington) on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 5-7 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair-elect Beck adjourned the Senate at 4:20 p.m.