Faculty Senate
Held on: May 3, 2000, 3:00 P.M.
Held at: EIGHTH FLOOR JOHN GRAY LIBRARY

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FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF MAY 3, 2000
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ATTENDANCE:

Arts and Sciences: Donna Bumpus, Kevin Dodsen, Bruce Drury, Iva Hall, Joseph Nordgren, Joe Pizzo, Kathy Roberts, Walter Sutton Business: K.C. Sen, Richard Drapeau
Education: Joel Barton, Kimberly Wallet-Chalambaga, Carol Foust, Kimberly Griffith, William Holmes
Engineering: Valentin Andreev, David Read
Fine Arts and Communication: Randy Deal, Kurt Gilman
Library: Sarah Tusa, David Carroll
Developmental Education: Joe Kemble

CALL TO ORDER:

Faculty Senate President Valentin Andreev called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 5, 2000 meeting were approved with amendments.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Andreev reported on the progress of the search committee for the EVPAA posision, saying that an advertisement had been placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education, and also that the committee had already received applications. The search process is scheduled to last from April to early January. Dr. Jim Westgate has been named interim for Dr. Moulton’s position, and the search committee for his replacement is proceeding. The search for a new library director is also underway. The search for Dean of Arts and Sciences will be considering new options, due to the declining of the number one candidate.

A three percent raise for faculty, based on merit, has been approved by the state comptroller. President Simmons will present the dormitory plan to the TSU Regents on May 16. The Plummer Hall plan will have to be reconsidered due to the excessive cost of needed repairs. Lamar University received high marks from the state legislature during a recent presentation by President Simmons. Especially noted was the increase in graduation rates. Summer I enrollment appears to be higher than in the previous two years.

President Andreev expressed his gratitude for the work of the Faculty Senate during the past two years. He also expressed appreciation for the support of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Academic Issues: Kevin Dodson - The committee met with the administration concerning the Faculty Senate proposal for grade replacement. Bruce Drury’s motion to change three places in the document resulted in three separate motions. Several changes were approved by vote of the Faculty Senate.

Faculty Compensation and Budget: K.C. Sen suggested that the next committee take up suggested resolutions that are currently pending further discussion.

Faculty Issues: Carol Foust - The survey on department chair evaluations suggested some changes, including the necessity for a job description.

Distinguished Faculty Lecturer: Sarah Tusa - Professor Jim Jordan has been selected as the 2000 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. The lecture is scheduled for October 16, 2000.

Staff Appreciation: Bruce Drury - The committee will be chaired by Mark Asteris. A December 1 date has been proposed. The committee will have to consider revenue problems for this years event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Richard Drapeau raised a concern about the logistics of having a computer system for the grade replacement policy up and running by Fall. Bruce Drury suggested a need for (Faculty Senate) election reform, and the creation of a Parliamentarian position to run each election. Drapeau concurred and stressed the importance of the elections being run by the Faculty Senate. Drury announced the Hurricane Party honoring Dr. Simmons, and explained the costs involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Read introduced a resolution commending the work of Faculty Senate President Valentin Andreev. (Resolution Attached)

ADJOURNMENT:

The Senate adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

NEW FACULTY SENATE:

The new Faculty Senate was called to order at 4:17 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Bruce Drury presented the slate of candidates. The results of the voting were as follows:
President - Randy Deal; Vice President - Carol Foust; Secretary - Christine Bridges-Esser