MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

ATTENDANCE:

ARTS & SCIENCES: Christine Bridges-Esser, Kevin Dodson, Bruce Drury, Iva Hall, Vernice Monroe, Joseph Nordgren, Joe Pizzo, Kathy Roberts, Pam Saur, Cindy Stinson, Walter Sutton
BUSINESS: K.C. Sen, Celia Varik

EDUCATION: William Holmes, Desmond Rice
ENGINEERING: Valentin Andreev, Peggy Doerschuk, Keith Gonthier, David Read
FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION: Randy Deal, Wayne Dyess, Steve Hodges, Lane Roth
LIBRARY: Jon Tritsch, Sarah Tusa

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by President Randolph Deal

MINUTES:
A motion was made by Bruce Drury and seconded by Sarah Tusa to accept the minutes of May 3, 2000, with the following amendments:
Committee Reports Section: Staff Appreciation: Bruce Drury corrected the date from March 9, to December 1, 2000. Old Business Section: Richard Drapeau corrected his statement from: “raised a concern about the logistics of having a computer system up and running by Fall” to: “raised a concern about the logistics of having a computer system that can implement a grade replacement policy up and running by Fall”.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
President Deal encouraged all Senators to take the position of Faculty Senator seriously. He encouraged all Senators to read the sections dealing with the duties of a Faculty Senator in the faculty handbook. The Charter and Bylaws can also be found on the Lamar Web site. President Deal stated that the scope of the Senate is far reaching. The Body represents shared governance and is a means of checks and balance.

President Deal asked the Faculty Senators to encourage all faculty and student organizations to get involved in the campus clean up drive. Student organizations can adopt a section of the campus to maintain and be rewarded with a sign displaying the name of their organization on it. Participants will also be recognized at the Toast of Leadership Banquet.

OLD BUSINESS:
Several of the Faculty Senate positions are vacant due to chair appointments.

Bruce Drury nominated Vernice Monroe for Vice President of the Faculty Senate. No other nominations were presented. A motion was made by Bruce Drury and seconded by Valentin Andreev to close nominations and elect Vernice Monroe. The motion passed unanimously.
Three other Faculty Senate positions are vacant due to chair appointments: Howell Lynch, Carol Foust and John Harvill. Elections are taking place now to fill these positions.
NEW BUSINESS:
A motion to change the procedure of the timing of distribution of the Faculty Senate minutes to the faculty was made by Dr. Drury. The proposal is for the Secretary to give the Faculty Senate minutes to the Faculty Senate President within one week (or as soon after that as possible), in order for each faculty member to have a copy of the minutes as soon as possible after each meeting. The elected Secretary will keep an official copy of the minutes for the archives. Valentin Andreev seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bruce Drury made the motion that the duties of Parliamentarian be added to the duties of the Vice President. The motion was seconded by Valentin Andreev and passed unanimously.

President Deal asked the Faculty Senate Council to meet for lunch on Monday, September 11, 2000, in the Faculty Lounge prior to their meeting with Dr. Simmons.

Walter Sutton voiced a concern about academic computing regulations. Exactly what is “legal” and what is not is a complicated matter that has not been defined nor resolved. Fines assessed for not having a receipt of certificate of ownership for software are problematic. In fact, the problem of “ownership: needs to be addressed.

A list was passed among the senate for members to volunteer for committee assignments.

President Deal asked for feedback on any inequities or problems in the procedures taken for the merit increases.

An update on the progress of the searches was discussed:
The Library Director search has six applications.
The search for VPAA is in process and should have a shortened list in the next few weeks.
The Arts and Sciences Dean search is in progress with 12 applications on file.
There is no information on the searches for Graduate Dean nor for the V.P. for Student Affairs

President Deal asked if there was any interest in a Faculty Club. He asked the Senators to think about it and ask their Faculty if they were interested.

ADJOURNMENT:
The Senate adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

NOTE: If you have an issue that you would like the Faculty Senate to discuss please contact your
Senator or e-mail the Secretary at christine.bridges@lamar.edu