Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes for: February 20th, 2015

Meeting called by: Dr. Peter Racheotes

Members included: Massimiliano Laddomada, Teri Sartor, Godpower Okereke, Angela Sikorski, Terry Bechtel, Joan Brumm, Elaine Beason, and Igor Aizenberg

Members Absent:
Guest: Craig Nakashian, Nancy Jordan
Recorder: Morgan Moses

I. Call to Order Dr. Peter Racheotes

II. Approval of Minutes from January 23rd 2015

• Minutes were approved by all.

III. Provost Report Dr. Rosanne Stripling

• Dr. Terry Bechtel was appointed to the leadership of the Facilities planning committee.

• Dr. Stripling reminded the Faculty Senate that the revisions to the new core curriculum are due March 16th and the new degree and related academic programs are due March 2nd. Dr. Stripling also updated the Senate on the 84th legislative session, the continuation of the Academic Master Plan initiative, the new TAMUT-San Antonio president, and the new TAMU president.

IV. Course Evaluations Dr. Nancy Jordan

• Dr. Jordan updated the Faculty Senate on the research for course evaluations and the reasons behind the low response rate in the course evaluations for FY ’14.

V. QEP Dr. Craig Nakashian

• Dr. Nakashian gave details on what “QEP” is and presented the possible QEP topics. The Faculty Senate voted on taking out items; 1 (Student research), 4 (Capstone experiences), and 8 (Collaborative Learning).
• The timeline for the QEP topic decisions are as follows:
  15 Feb 2015- Present short-list of possible QEP topics to Staff Council/Faculty Senate for feedback
  1 March 2015- Finalize short-list of possible QEP topics
  1 April 2015- Solicit input from broader university community and present President with top options
  15 April 2015- President chooses QEP topic; QEP topic published

VI. Faculty Senate Constitution Dr. Teri Sartor
• Dr. Sartor spoke about the changes implemented to the constitution.

VII. Fred Update/Insurance Issues Dr. Joan Brumm
• The Faculty Senate unanimously approved Dr. Elaine Wilmore’s request for $1,500.
• The Faculty Senate unanimously approved Dr. Corrine Hinton’s request for $621.
• Dr. Brumm updated the Faculty Senate on new insurance updates.

VIII. Old Business
• No old business was discussed.

IX. New Business
• No new business was discussed