

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 17, 2011**  
**Private Dining Room, CUB**  
**Call to Order by Pam Trujillo, President, 3:35 pm**

<b>Members Present</b>	Pam George, Mark Rowh, Collin Witherspoon, Michael Barnett, Becky Burton, Carol Buse, Brent Cavanaugh, John Chaka, Cherie Clifton, Jana Comerford, Becky Easton, Theresa Edwards, Denise Hirsch, Judy Isbell, Tiffany Lamb, Bruce Moseley, Michelle Orcutt, Tamara Rhodes, Jerry Terry, Amanda Wheeler
<b>Members Absent</b>	
<b>Visitors</b>	Dr. Paul Matney, Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, Dr. Linda Watkins

<b>Topics</b>	<b>Discussion/Information</b>	<b>Actions/Decisions Recommendations/Timelines</b>
<b>General Introduction</b>	The members of the Senate introduced themselves for the benefit of Dr. Watkins.	
<b>Dr. Matney</b>	Dr. Matney discussed the No Excuses University initiative and how more and more public schools are starting to join the network.  During the AtD (Achieving The Dream) discussion, Dr. Matney reminded the Senate that at least 10% of funding will start being based on completers.	
<b>Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart and Dr. Linda Watkins</b>	Dr. Watkins, Amarillo College's AtD adviser, and Dr. Lowery-Hart told the Senate that their primary reason for attending the meeting was to have a Q&A session about the AtD (Achieving The Dream) initiative.  Senate members wanted clarification on the difference between AtD and the No Excuses initiatives. Dr. Lowery-Hart explained that AC would use AtD to help us with No Excuses and that AC would be the first No Excuses college.  Dr. Lowery-Hart and Dr. Watkins mentioned that we need to become data based decision makers and be able to analyze so we can prioritize. They	

	also discussed the need for student focus groups to determine the aspects of AC that are viewed by the students as barriers to their success.	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	September 2011	

**Recorder: Collin Witherspoon / Senate Secretary**