

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2012
Jones Hall Room 321, West Campus
Call to Order by Pam George, President, 3:06pm

Members Present	Pam George, Mark Rowh, Collin Witherspoon, Michael Barnett, Carol Buse, Brent Cavanaugh, Cherie Clifton, Jana Comerford, Becky Easton, Denise Hirsch, Judy Isbell, Tiffany Lamb, Bruce Moseley, Michelle Orcutt, Tamara Rhodes, Jerry Terry, Mandi Wheeler
Members Absent	John Chaka, Theresa Edwards
Visitors	Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, Monty Downs, Jim Taylor, Susan Burks, Heather Voran, Ruth Whitehead, Penelope Davies

Topics	Discussion/Information	Actions/Decisions Recommendations/Timelines
General Introduction	Pam George welcomed Dr. Lowery-Hart to the meeting.	
Guest Discussions	<p>Dr. Lowery-Hart started by thanking the Faculty Senate for their service, and then opened up the discussion for questions from the Faculty Senate.</p> <p>Dr. Lowery-Hart was asked about the coffee talks he held throughout the year, and how they were received. He said that they gave him more insight into faculty concerns, and he noticed some trends in the questions that came up during the talks. When asked to elaborate, he mentioned that there were several questions concerning parking, the budget, and if the No Excuses initiative meant that faculty had to start passing everyone. Dr. Lowery-Hart told the Faculty Senate that he plans on conducting these talks every Spring semester.</p> <p>He then gave us a look at what was coming in the Fall. AC is planning on expanding tutoring services. There will be a new science tutoring center similar to the math Outreach center. We will still be preparing for SACS and our QEP which is based</p>	

	on the FYS. AC will also be providing social services to our students with Trudy Banner as the new Social Services Coordinator.	
Approval of Minutes	Pam asked members for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting.	Jerry Terry - 1st motion Cherie Clifton - 2nd Unanimous vote.
Committee Assignments	<p>Pam wants the Senate to think about recommending placing a maximum on the number of committees any single faculty member can serve on. This would reduce the burden that some Faculty members feel when asked to serve on more and more committees. This would have to be written into the Faculty Handbook.</p> <p>The Faculty Senate made their recommendations for committee service.</p>	
Professor Emeritus	The committee has contacted Therese Jones. The ceremony may be held on June 5 or 6, depending on Dr. Matney's schedule.	
Salary Proposal	The Salary Committee met with Dr. Matney. The committee did ask for a 3% raise. The members were told that if the faculty would not be receiving a raise, then the reason for the decision would be made known to the faculty.	
Faculty Survey	The committee has all of the results, and the members are in the editing process (i.e., removing names, and things such as that). The Senate Executive committee spoke with Dr. Lowery-Hart about the survey, and expressed the faculties desire to keep survey going.	
ACTS	The Amarillo College Teaching Seminar (ACTS) has been revamped for this year. It will now be a one day event held at the civic center. The ACTS committee is only accepting those who applied before the original deadline.	
President's Farewell	Pam thanked all of the members of the Senate for their hard	

	work and dedication to faculty.	
New Officers	<p>Heather Voran was nominated for Secretary. A motion was made to elect Heather for Secretary.</p> <p>Bruce Mosley was nominated for Vice President. A motion was made to elect Bruce for Vice President.</p>	<p>Becky Easton - 1st Jerry Terry - 2nd Unanimous vote.</p> <p>Becky Burton - 1st Cherie Clifton - 2nd Unanimous vote.</p>
Courtesy Committee		
Elections Committee	No report.	
Legislative Committee	No report.	
Mead Committee	Everything has been finalized.	
Professor Emeritus Committee	See above.	
Questions Committee	Michelle Orcutt, the Questions Committee chair, raised the issue about how questions are handled. We normally receive a question, and either answer it or send it to someone who may know the answer. The response is always sent to the faculty member who asked the question. It may be a good idea to post the questions, and the answers, so that all the faculty would have access to them.	
Salary Committee	See above.	
Technology Committee	No report.	
Faculty Survey Committee	See above.	
Faculty Development Committee	No report.	
Instructional Technology Committee	Lee Colaw covered everything during his visit to the Faculty Senate last month.	
Pinning Committee	Pam and Mark met with Dr. Matney about the pinning ceremony. There seems to be a lack of faculty interest in the	

	ceremony. The ceremony will continue for another year to see how it goes.	
Building Naming Committee	No report	
Meeting Adjourned	05:30 P.M.	Mark Rowh - 1st motion Collin Witherspoon - 2nd Unanimous
Next Meeting	September 7, 2012, location to be announced.	

Recorder: Collin Witherspoon/Senate Secretary