

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2014
Washington Street Campus, Lib 207
Call to Order by Bruce Moseley, President, 3:00 pm

Members Present	Bruce Moseley, Susan Burks, Penelope Davies, Brian Farmer, Jerry Terry, Mandi Wheeler, Reem Witherspoon, Craig Clifton, Monty Downs, Brent Cavanaugh, Alan Kee, Heather Voran, Sam Schwarzlose, Tamara Rhodes, Jim Taylor
Members Absent	Kerrie Young, Angie Ross, Lizzy Sharp
Visitors	Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, Denise Hirsch (substituting for Angie Ross)

Topics	Discussion/Information	Actions/Decisions Recommendations/Timelines
Discussion with Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving the Dream coaches were here 2 weeks ago. After reviewing the preliminary data, they have asked us to go for Leader College status a year early. This is a national outside organization, could place us in the top 75 colleges in the country if we are selected, and provides the opportunity for grant applications that are only open to Leader Colleges. It will open dialogue and professional development opportunities for AC, and it puts us in place for important policy decisions. Leader Colleges in the last 2 years have been involved in shaping policy with the US Dept. of Education, and they were directly involved with Higher Education Coordinating Board policies. We will apply May 8. • Dr. Lowery-Hart talked briefly about the email from Dr. Matney announcing his retirement. He said that Dr. Matney has said that he has had “a 35-year love affair with Amarillo College”, and that it is time to put his family first. If anyone deserves this opportunity, it is Dr. Matney, as he has dedicated the past 35 years to AC. He plans to retire by the end of August. 	
President's Report		
A. Approval of March	Minutes were approved with amendments.	

Minutes		
B. Grievance Procedure	The Faculty Senate's proposed change to the Grievance Procedure was approved at the last Board of Regents' meeting.	The next step is for it to go to
C. Textbook Policy	The textbook policy has been approved by Dean's Council and President's Cabinet.	
D. IP Policy	The proposed Intellectual Property policy is now with the Amarillo College attorney for review.	
E. No Excuses Core Update	Bruce updated Faculty Senate on the repurposing of the No Excuses Core team.	
F. San Jacinto Project	Students graduating from 5 th grade at San Jacinto Elementary School have a celebration and receive gifts from Amarillo College. The Classified Employees Council has been doing this in the past, and they have invited Faculty Senate to participate. Senate will donate \$500 to the celebration.	Bruce will send an email to faculty. The celebration is scheduled for May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the CUB.
G. Dr. Matney Resolution	Faculty Senate would like to honor Dr. Matney in some way, and to write a resolution, or possibly a joint resolution of Senate, Classified Employee's Council, and Administrator's Council. Possible naming of a building for him? We would also like to honor him during graduation.	This is something that will be addressed by the Faculty Senate Building Naming Committee in the 2014-15 school year. Bruce will send an email to the appropriate people to start this process.
H. May Meeting	Next month's meeting will be May 9, just to elect officers and welcome new senators.	
New Business		
Committee Assignments		
Committee Reports		
Courtesy Committee	No report	
Elections Committee	<u>Arts & Sciences</u> : 3 positions Mark Shadix and Deborah Harding were elected, and there will be a run-off for the 3 rd position between Briony Foster and Derek Weathersbee <u>Health Sciences</u> : 2 positions Scott Rankin and LaVon Barrett were elected <u>Technical Education</u> : 1 position Brian Jacob was elected	
Legislative Committee	No report	
Mead Committee	Voting has closed, and a final meeting is being scheduled.	
Professor Emeritus Committee	Pat Knight has been notified, and we are waiting to hear from her about a reception date. Bruce recommended that Faculty Senate name the	

	Professor Emeritus a Bud Joiner fellow by giving a gift of \$500 to the AC Foundation, which is then put in the AC General Scholarship fund.	
Questions Committee	No report	
Salary Committee		
Technology Committee	No report	
Faculty Survey Committee	Meeting next week.	
Hospitality Committee	No report	
Professional Standards Committee	No report	
Faculty Development Committee	19 people have applied for ACTS.	
Instructional Technology Council	No report	
Pinning Committee	Pinning Ceremony was on March 21, and went very well.	
Building Naming Committee		
Committee Committee	Tamara Rhodes explained the outcome of the committee assignments, which will be shared with the faculty at a later date.	

Recorder: Heather Voran, Senate Secretary – Instructor, Center for Teaching and Learning