

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
December 7, 2010 • Cashion 203  
2:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Senators Baker, Erich; Baker, Lori; Baldrige, R. S.; Beal, Ron; Beard, DeAnna Toten; Beck, Rosalie; Beckwith, Frank; Blackwell, Frieda; Cannon, Raymond; Claybrook, Doug; Cunningham, Scott; Duhrkopf, Richard; Hanks, Tom; Harvey, Barry; Hurtt, David; Johnsen, Susan; Jordan, Mary Ann; Long, Michael; Longfellow, David; McKinney, Tim; Madden, Stan; Myers, Dennis; Nunley, Patricia; Odegaard, Tom; Paschal, John; Patton, Jim; Paschal, John; Shoaf, Mary Margaret; Spain, Rufus; Still, Todd; Stone, Sara; Supplee, Joan; Walter, Janelle

**Members Absent:** Senators Losey, Jay; Neubert, Mitchell; Patteson, Rita; Sharp, Pat

**I. Call to Order**

Chair-Elect Beck called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**II. Invocation**

Senator Harvey offered an invocation.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Senator Hanks moved that the minutes of November 9, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate be approved as distributed. Senator Baldrige seconded this motion. The Senate unanimously approved the motion.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Senate Elections**

Chair Cannon placed before the body the matter of determining a faculty member's academic unit for Senate elections.

Prior to the meeting, he distributed the following:

The current paragraph in the Senate Bylaws reads:

For the purpose of Faculty Senate elections, full-time faculty includes tenured and non-tenured faculty, lecturers and senior lecturers below the position of academic dean. All full-time faculty are eligible to vote. *Full-time faculty members with appointments in more than one academic unit vote in that unit in which they are tenured or on tenure-track.* It is the duty of the Secretary in conjunction with the Faculty Senate administrative assistant to compile appropriate lists of eligible faculty members every January, to be completed before the nomination process. These lists may be generated from academic unit, departmental lists or lists obtained from the Information Technology Department.

**Lecturers and senior lecturers with split appointments vote in the unit they consider their primary home.**

Chair Cannon proposed the replacement of the italicized sentence with the following: Full-time faculty members with appointments in more than one academic unit vote in that unit in which their contract is generated.

Chair Cannon also suggested that the sentence in bold print be struck.

Senator Baldrige moved the approval of Chair Cannon's recommendations. Senator Longfellow seconded. The Senate was unanimous in its approval of the motion.

**B. Summer Contracts**

Chair Cannon reported that the Provost encouraged the Deans at their recent meeting to be fair in determining remuneration for summer pay. The Provost stated that she was not in favor of "hard and fast" policies but desired for the Deans to exercise prudence and to act justly.

**C. Committee to study transfer courses**

Having consulted with the Executive Committee of the Senate, the Chair has presented the Provost with the names of possible committee members to study this matter.

**V. Committee/Liaison Reports**

**A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Myers)**

The curriculum committee is reviewing changes in courses and is seeking to have additional input regarding the review of degrees.

**B. Academic Freedom (Longfellow)—No report**

**C. Enrollment Management (Beck)—No report**

**D. Student Life (Stone)**

Senator Stone reported that there is now a "Report It!" website for those who are aware of students experiencing problems. Martha Lou Scott reported in their meeting that Baylor students are contemplating and attempting suicide at unprecedented rates. It was also noted that student organizations are having an increasingly difficult time securing faculty sponsors.

**E. Liaison Reports**

**i. Council of Deans (Cannon)**

Chair Cannon encouraged the Senate to continue to think about strategic planning and to contact the Executive Committee with their suggestions and recommendations.

**ii. Athletic Council (Blackwell)**

There was conversation regarding possible football bowl bids at the Athletic Council meeting. Athletic tutorials were also discussed.

- iii. Personnel, Benefits, Compensation (Madden)—No report
- iv. Personnel Policies (Beal/Nunley)

The most recent meeting was given over to conversation regarding the pending handgun legislation.

- v. Admission (Harvey/Jordan)

Applications are up. SAT scores are up. Minority student applications are slightly down. Male applications are up slightly as are out of state applications.

- vi. Staff Council (Patton)

Upcoming meeting on Tuesday, December 14

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Committee to study online student evaluation of faculty

A committee is being formed to consider online student evaluation of faculty. The reasons being given to support this change are faculty morale and paper conservation.

- B. Proposed concealed handgun legislation

Chair Cannon noted that there is legislation pending before the Texas Senate regarding the carrying of concealed handguns on college and university campuses. Baylor is being told that this legislation will probably pass and, if so, will come into effect September 1, 2011.

Chair Cannon asked if the Senate wanted him to be in contact with other Faculty Senate chairs in the State regarding this pending legislation. Discussion regarding the matter ensued. Senator Longfellow made a motion that Chair Cannon interact with Senate Chairs at other private colleges and universities about this legislation. Senator Patton seconded this motion. The Senate unanimously approved the motion.

- C. East Village Project aspirations

The University is presently considering the merits of building a 1,000-bed residential complex (300 beds linked to a residential college; 300 beds reserved for living and learning; and 400 earmarked for apartment-like units). This development is being called the East Village Project. The Regents will consider a proposal regarding this development at their February 2011 meeting. Chair

Cannon urged Senators interested in this matter to visit the East Village Project website.

D. Order in which students register

Chair Cannon has spoken with the Provost regarding the order in which students register. A committee will be appointed to study this problem prior to fall registration.

E. Other

1. Senator Supplee noted that several of her constituents were interested in knowing the results of the evaluations of certain Deans last spring. Various Senators indicated that the Graduate Dean, the School of Education Dean, the Honors College Dean, the Nursing Dean, the Music School Dean, and the Social Work Dean have self-reported to their respective faculties regarding their evaluations. Chair Cannon said that he would speak to the Provost about this.
2. Senator Beal noted that there was a representative from the library on the tenure committee and asked if this was appropriate given the fact that library staff are no longer tenured. Chair Cannon said that he would speak to the President regarding this matter.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Senator Harvey moved that the Senate be adjourned. Senator Duhrkopf seconded this motion. The Senate unanimously approved the motion and adjourned at 3:31 p.m.