

Faculty Senate Minutes
May 3, 2011 • Cashion 111
2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Senators Baker, Erich; Baker, Lori; Baldrige, R. S.; Beal, Ron; Beard, DeAnna Toten; Beck, Rosalie; Blackwell, Frieda; Cannon, Raymond; Claybrook, Doug; Duhrkopf, Richard; Harvey, Barry; Hanks, Tom; Hurtt, David; Johnsen, Susan; Jordan, Mary Ann; Long, Michael; Losey, Jay; McKinney, Timothy; Madden, Stan; Myers, Dennis; Nuebert, Mitchell; Nunley, Patricia; Odegaard, Tom; ; Patteson, Rita; Patton, Jim; Parrish, Michael (substituting in Spring 2011 for David Longfellow); Sharp, Pat; Shoaf, Mary Margaret; Spain, Rufus; Still, Todd; Stone, Sara; Supplee, Joan; Walter, Janelle

Members Absent: Senators Beckwith, Francis; Paschal, John

I. Call to Order

Chair Cannon called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Invocation

Senator Hanks offered an invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Senator Baldrige moved that the minutes of the April 2011 Faculty Senate meeting be approved as distributed. Senator Hanks seconded the motion. The Senate was unanimous in its approval of the motion.

IV. Old Business

A. Presentation of New Senators

Chair Cannon introduced the newly elected Senators in attendance, namely, Mark Taylor, Jo-Ann Tsang, Debra Burleson, Cindy Riemenschneider, and Gaynor Yancey.

B. Attendance Policy

The newly drafted attendance policy remains under administrative review.

C. Policy and Procedures for Lecturers

The policy and procedures for lecturers is under administrative review.

D. Master Teacher Criteria

Particulars regarding the designation “Master Teacher” are still being discussed with and reviewed by Jim Benninghof in the Provost’s Office.

E. Transfer Credit Task Force

University Administration will soon appoint a task force to study this issue.

F. Strategic Planning

Senator Neubert reported that responses from over five hundred individuals, one hundred and sixty groups, and roughly twenty “listening sessions” had been received and that these responses would now be studied and synthesized by the Strategic Themes Committee and then submitted to the Provost and Executive Team during the third week of June.

V. Committee/Liaison Reports

A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Myers)—No report

B. Academic Freedom (Sharp)—No report

C. Enrollment Management (Beck)—No report

D. Student Life (Stone)—Senator Stone reported that the Student Life Committee met and discussed sundry matters, with no pressing concerns raised.

E. Liaison Reports

i. Council of Deans (Cannon)—No report

ii. Athletic Council (Blackwell)—Senator Blackwell reported about the student athlete academic banquet as well as changes in academic advisement personnel and the football television schedule.

iii. Personnel, Benefits, Compensation (Madden)—No report

iv. Personnel Policies (Beal/Nunley)—No report

v. Admission (Harvey)—The Admissions Committee met to consider a special case of a student applicant.

vi. Staff Council (Patton)—No report

F. Report from Committee on Committees (Cannon)—Chair Cannon reported that the Committee on Committees had drafted its report and asked the Senate to vote on it. Senator Duhrkopf moved that it be accepted, and Senator Beck seconded the motion. The Senate was unanimous in its support of the report.

G. Report on search for Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness (Patton)—Senator Patton reported that Dr. Michael Matier has been hired and will begin to work next month. Dr. Matier holds a B.A. from

Shippensburg University and a PhD from the University of Oregon. He comes to Baylor after a 22-year career at Cornell where he oversaw Institutional Effectiveness and the Office of Institutional Research.

VI. New Business

A. Honor Code Tutorial

Senator Toten Beard stated that beginning this fall incoming students will be required to take and to pass an Honor Code Tutorial before they are allowed to register for subsequent classes.

B. President's Scholarship Initiative

Chair Cannon indicated that he would like to draft a letter to the faculty asking them to consider participating in the President's Scholarship Initiative. Senator Patton moved that he do so, and Senator Hanks seconded the motion. The Senate was unanimous in its support of the motion.

C. Baylor Alumni Association

One Senator asked about university relations with the Baylor Alumni Association. Chair Cannon shared his impressions that the President was working to improve this tenuous situation. That being said, recent reports indicate that the Baylor Regents continue to oppose the Association. The Senate encouraged the Executive Committee to follow up on this matter.

D. Election of Senate Officers for 2011-2012

Susan Johnsen, Chair of the Executive Committee Nominating Team, thanked her fellow team members (Senators Erich Baker, Beck, Cannon, Hurtt, Long, McKinney, and Patteson) and brought the following nominations for the Senate's consideration: Senator Still (Chair-Elect), Senator Lori Baker (Secretary), and Senator Madden (Publicity). Chair Cannon thanked the Committee for its work and asked the Senate if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. The Senate proceeded to vote unanimously for each of the following: Senator Beck (Chair), Senator Still (Chair-Elect), Senator Lori Baker (Secretary), and Senator Madden (Publicity).

E. Honoring Retiring Senators

Chair Cannon thanked the following retiring Senators for their service to the Senate and on behalf of the Senate presented them with a plaque: Erich Baker (2008-11), R. S. Baldrige (2005-11), Francis Beckwith (2009-11), David Longfellow (2005-11), Dennis Myers (2005-11), Patricia Nunley (2005-11), Pat Sharp (2008-11), and Sara Stone (2005-11).

F. Honoring Chair Cannon

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chair-Elect Beck presented Chair Cannon a plaque and a gift card and thanked him for his wise and able leadership of the Senate during the 2010-11 academic year.

VIII. Adjournment

The Senate adjourned at 3:13 p.m.