

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2013

MINUTES

President LaVelle Hendricks called the meeting to order at 10:17 A.M. Present were faculty members from twenty-eight campuses.

The minutes of the March 3, 2013 were accidentally lost in the Executive Secretary's computer and will be reconstructed.

Treasurer Alba Ortiz, University of Texas at Austin, presented two reports. One report was the budget for 2013-2014 in a new format and the other was current expenditures. She explained she had attempted to improve the reports based on requests for more detail. The end of the year had a bank balance of \$2,015.24 with \$30,903.39 in the Vanguard account for net year-to-date balance of \$32,918.63 and that we are indeed solvent plus dues invoices are in the mail. Murray Leaf, University of Texas Dallas made the motion to accept the financial reports, and Marilyn Spencer, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, expressed thanks for the new format and seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

President Hendricks announced that the spring meeting, February 27-March 1, 2014 would be an election meeting in which a President-Elect, Vice President - Northeast Region and Vice President - West Region would be elected. He asked that any nominations should be sent to Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, via email, but that nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

Michael Farmer, Vice President, West Region, reported on finalizing the non-profit status. He proposed a new constitution and bylaws due to the inconsistencies. The Executive Committee will review and bring back to the membership his findings and proposal. In a motion by Linda Openshaw, Texas A&M University - Commerce, seconded by Hillary Hart, University of Texas at Austin, the motion was approved unanimously.

President Hendricks explained that his graduate assistant, previously working with the web site, graduated and we are now looking for a volunteer to take the webmaster position. Dr. Tom Linton, Texas A&M University, Galveston, said he would like to look into it for which he was thanked profusely.

President Hendricks asked for topics of interest for developing the spring 2014 meeting. Some ideas were regents overreaching and the legislative aspect of it. Intellectual property rights were mentioned as was federalization imposed on higher education. Marilyn Spencer, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, mentioned continuity - one college recording all of lectures by a faculty member. New sick leave policies, encryption and intellectual property, privacy issues, lack of females in leadership positions were all mentioned. President Hendricks will proceed to work with the executive committee to plan the meeting.

Past President Sally Moreman, Sul Ross State University - Rio Grande, acknowledged Michelle Moossally, University of Houston Downtown, outgoing Vice President for the East Region for her service to Texas Council of Faculty Senates and presented her with a plaque acknowledging same.

Mary Mayorga, University of Texas San Antonio and Vice President, South Central Region, expressed her need for information about the council on intercollegiate athletics which Hillary Hart, University of Texas at Austin, offered to send to Sharon Grimm to distribute in an email.

President Hendricks announced the spring meeting date is February 28-March 1, 2014.

There being no further business, Murray Leaf moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Grimm