

**TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES
BUSINESS MEETING
February 28, 2011**

MINUTES

Anjoo Sikka, President, called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. Present were the executive committee members and representatives from twenty-two campuses. Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, also attended.

Minutes of the October 29, 2010 fall meeting were approved with corrections.

The officers of the executive committee were introduced and their reports follow.

Sharon Grimm stood in for Alba Ortiz, Treasurer, South Central Region, and reported that Dr. Ortiz is going to switch the accounting using school year dating to an annual accounting method. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

LaVelle Hendricks, Programs Vice President, Northeast Region, asked for subjects of interest to be submitted to him. This led to member input.

President Sikka announced that AAUP would be offering an ASC Fall Advocacy workshop all day Saturday following the TCFS fall meeting. Gary Rhodes and Cary Nelson will be in attendance with featured speakers for this shared governance workshop. Additional information will follow from TCFS when it becomes available.

President Sikka announced that the executive committee has made a recommendation that vice presidents change from pre-assigned roles to roles as assigned by the president to allow for more flexibility. She asked for a motion to change vice president roles which was made by Linda Matthews, University of Texas Pan American, and second by Brendan Townsend, Texas A&M International. All in attendance were in favor and motion carried.

President Sikka reported that the executive committee recommended round up reports be presented orally with email copy to executive secretary without having to bring hard copies to meeting. If someone would like a hard copy, they can be sent by email. A motion was made by O. Jayne Bowman, Texas Woman's University and carried unanimously.

Joe Kotarba, Elections Vice President, East Region, announced that this is an election day with positions open for East and South Central Regions. Alba Ortiz was nominated for South Central Region. Dr. Kotarba and Dr. Sikka spoke on her behalf. Nominations were called for from the floor and there were none made. For the East Region, the nomination was for Michelle Moosally, University of Houston, who was not present and sent a statement noting her qualifications read by Dr. Kotarba.

There being no nominations from the floor, O. Jayne Bowman, Texas Woman's University, made a motion that the two candidates be elected by acclamation. A vote to accept passed unanimously.

Current and other issues included the discussion of the resolution on guns on campus. Brendan Townsend, Texas A&M International, moved that TCFS reaffirm the motion crafted by Michelle Moosally on March 7, 2009 as found on the TCFS web site.

A discussion ensued regarding how those from smaller schools do more with less. It was proposed that a resolution be written by TCFS to call attention to this situation. After discussion, the following resolution was written by Brendon Townsend, approved and will be posted on the web site. A vote in favor of the resolution carried with two abstentions.

Whereas, the Texas Council of Faculty Senates recognizes budget constraints,
Whereas, each institution responds appropriately to institutional budget plans,
Therefore, be it resolved that the Texas Council of Faculty Senates is opposed to practices that increase teaching while continuing to maintain the same requirements and expectations of research and service.

President Sikka recognized Joe Kotarba's long attendance in and vice presidency of TCFS.

A gift in his honor is to be presented at the fall meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary