

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

BUSINESS MEETING

October 25, 2003

Minutes

Claudia Stuart, President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. Present were Executive Committee Members and representatives from 25 campuses.

Inasmuch as David Weissenburger had other commitments, he was first on the agenda to present the website to the group in attendance.

A roundtable discussion was held and the official business meeting began at 10:00 A.M.

In a motion by Murray Leaf and second by Marvin Hackert, the minutes of the February 22, 2003 Business Meeting were approved as read.

Claudia Stuart discussed the goals and objectives of Texas Council of Faculty Senates as relates to budget shortfalls, campus demographics, faculty development and the war effort and its affect on campuses. It is also a goal to obtain more visibility for Texas Council, to attend Coordinating Board meetings when possible and to select speakers to address these goals and objectives.

Bill Fleming announced that there would be an election at the Spring Meeting to be held February 20-21, 2004. The President-Elect position is a four-year obligation and the two regional openings, Northeast and West Regions are two-year obligations.

Marvin Hackert presented the Treasurer's Report. In a motion by Arthur Hobbs and second by Murray Leaf, it was approved as presented. In a motion by Arthur Hobbs and second by Maxine Hammonds-Smith, the recommended budget was approved and a vote passed unanimously.

Marvin Hackert and Joe Eichberg presented several samples of the proposed newsletter. It was discussed at length and a motion by Arthur Hobbs and second by Nabarun Ghosh, the concept of the newsletter was approved to go forward in development.

Summer Fellows Kandi Tayebi and James Forbes gave their reports on their attendance at the Coordinating Board meetings.

Bill Stone of Texas State University introduced a motion to accept an Anti-Discrimination Resolution which was seconded by Arthur Hobbs. The motion carried unanimously.

Claudia Stuart announced her appointment to the Formula Funding Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

There being no further business, Bill Fleming moved for adjournment, seconded by Maxine Hammonds-Smith. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm
Executive Secretary

Anti-Discrimination Motion

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The Texas Council of Faculty Senates is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity and human dignity. To fulfill its missions of promoting these principles, the Texas Council of Faculty Senates encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality, diversity, pluralism and the uniqueness of the individual within our state, nation and world. The council affirms that all decisions and actions involving students and employees should be based on applicable law and individual merit. Therefore, the council believes that all public colleges and universities within the state of Texas should have a policy which in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status.