

Texas Council of Faculty Senates
Business Meeting
October 22, 2005

David Weissenburger, President, called the meeting to order at about 8:30 a.m. Present were Executive Committee members and representatives from 17 campuses.

The minutes of the February 2005 meeting were not available to read, since the meeting began earlier than planned.

The Regional vice presidents presented their reports. Ferris Byxbe of the West Region reported that the Council website is up and running; Sterling Smith of the Northeast Region reported good attendance and reminded us of February elections for vice presidents of the Northeast and West regions and a President Elect. Mavis Triebel, East Region, reported that her region was well represented despite Hurricane Rita, and that two candidates for the Coordinating Board Fellowship Program wish to be considered for the 2006 program since last year's was cancelled. Sterling Smith announced that there are six more spots open and that faculty may ask their Presidents to nominate them, and if anyone is interested they should send requests to Mavis Triebel.

David Weissenburger presented Marvin Hackert's financial report in Hackert's absence. A motion by Sterling Smith to approve the report was approved unanimously.

David Weissneburger introduced a national survey being conducted by Larry King, Professor of Communication at Stephen F. Austin and requested that members ask faculty at their institutions to complete the survey.

David Weissenberger reminded the council of Murray Leaf's Faculty Governance survey. After observing that the Texas Council of Faculty Senates has a \$500 research grant that could assist Murray, a motion by Mavis Triebel that Murray Leaf be chosen as the first research grant recipient was approved unanimously.

David Weissenberger, after noting that the Spring meeting will take place February 17-18 at the same place, entertained suggestions for the program.

David Weissenberger reviewed the history of the TAMU-K situation and then proposed that the Executive Committee's statement, posted on the council website, could become a resolution from this body. A motion by Mavis Triebel called for adopting the statement as a resolution. A motion by Arthur Hobbs to add a third paragraph to the resolution about membership in the faculty senate was defeated. David Weissenberger read the previous resolution, and a motion by him to approve it was passed by a majority, and the resolution adopted.

There being no further business, Claudia Stuart moved for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.