

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

BUSINESS MEETING

October 25, 2008

Minutes

President David Weissenburger called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. Present were faculty senate members from twenty-one campuses. President Weissenburger announced that the attendance of 30 campuses at the Friday meeting was a record for this organization.

South Central Vice President Alba Ortiz presented the treasurer's report indicating that the organization is solvent. James Eldridge, University of Texas Permian Basin, motioned that the report be accepted and Clint Magill, Texas A&M University College Station, seconded the motion with the vote passing unanimously.

In a motion by Clint Magill, seconded by Murray Leaf, University of Texas-Dallas, the minutes of the February 16, 2008 business meeting were approved as read.

Northeast Region Vice President Peggy Landrum asked for input regarding topics for the spring meeting stating that Texas Council of Faculty Senates would like to be useful in terms of what faculties need and what faculty senates need. Murray Leaf, University of Texas-Dallas, would like for the organization to utilize the website for presenting more information in the form of position and/or white papers.

West Region Vice President Sally Moreman presented the new website as designed by Wesley Wynne, Sul Ross State University. Sharon Grimm is to e-mail the organization's members as to how to access the website. Murray Leaf would like to see links added to the website along with discussion software. The Council will investigate obtaining this software. President Weissenburger presented a letter of appreciation along with an honorarium to Wesley Wynne. The website being maintained at Texas A&M University-Kingsville will be referred to the new website and a plaque and honorarium is being presented to Rajab Chaloo for his services the past three years.

East Region Vice President Joe Kotarba announced that we will have elections for Vice President East Region and Vice President South Central Region at the March, 2009 meeting. Nominations prior to the meeting can be e-mailed to Vice President Kotarba. Regarding the Summer Fellows Program at the Coordinating Board, it appears the program will not be resumed due to staff shortages.

President Weissenburger announced that four executive committee members attended the October quarterly meeting of the Coordinating Board on Thursday, October 22nd. He also shared that we had three representatives of community colleges in attendance on Friday and that they are looking for an organization like Texas Council to attend. The Executive Committee will study the feasibility of providing a forum for these community colleges.

President Weissenburger recommended that either one of the executive committee members attend the quarterly Coordinating Board meetings or that a liaison position be created for a member to attend. The executive committee will study this matter further.

Vice President Alba Ortiz presented the budget for the 2008-2009 school year increasing several categories to include the cost of the meetings due to increased costs of the new hotel, the executive secretary's salary and to provide funds in the research project category. In a motion by James Eldridge, University of Texas at Permian Basin, and seconded by Ann Medford, Midwestern State University, the budget was approved. A vote by the organization members passed unanimously.

Regarding new business, Mavis Treibel made a motion for the executive committee to change the date of the spring meeting to a date and/or location that does not conflict with Spring Break at many of the institutions. A discussion ensued bringing an amendment to the motion by Paul Loeffler, Sam Houston State University. Further discussion and a voice votes led to the amendment being withdrawn and the motion being defeated. Sharon Grimm will check with the hotel staff to see if we can solidify a later date in February for future meetings.

President Weissenburger announced that the spring meeting will be held March 6-7, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm
Executive Secretary