

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

BUSINESS MEETING

October 30, 2010

Minutes

President Anjoo Sikka called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. Present were faculty senate members from twenty-seven campuses.

In a motion made by Murray Leaf, University of Texas at Dallas, and seconded by LaVelle Hendricks, Texas A&M University, the minutes of the February 26, 2010 Business Meeting were presented and approved.

President Sikka introduced the TCFS officers, their roles in the organization and called for their reports.

She recognized Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, for her efforts on behalf of Texas Council of Faculty Senates

Texas Council of Faculty Senates Treasurer and Vice President South Central Region Alba Ortiz presented the Treasurer's Report, copy of same given to all members, indicating that TCFS's financial situation is solvent, but encouraged the payment of dues in order to meet the needs of the organization. Ten universities have not paid their dues as of this meeting. In a motion by Mark Frank, Sam Houston State University and seconded by several members, the report was accepted unanimously. Murray Leaf suggested we need a more formal billing process. Dr. Ortiz explained the budget figures for the 2010-2011 school year. There being no questions, a motion by Bobbette Morgan and second by Murray Leaf, the budget was approved unanimously.

LaVelle Hendricks, Vice President Northeast Region, encouraged the membership to present any ideas for future programs.

Esther Rumsey, Vice President West Region and Website Editor, highlighted portions of interest from the website on overhead projector. A suggestion by Louis Katz, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, that a section devoted to roundup reports would be beneficial to new TCFS members.

Joe Kotarba, Vice President East Region, and in charge of elections, announced we would be having elections in the spring and that any one interested in running for vice president should get in touch with him. Joe has moved out of his area to Texas State University and will not be eligible to serve another term if elected. We will also be electing a VP for the South Central region.

President Sikka encouraged the membership to complete the evaluation form in their packet. The wrong form was distributed so she asked that it be filled in to cover speakers/panels, etc. presented today. Dr. Sikka reported that we have lost Wes Wynne as webmaster and that we are searching for a replacement for him. Should anyone have knowledge of someone having the time and experience to fill this position to get in touch with her. President Sikka announced the spring meeting will be held on February 25th and 26th, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza.

Members present participated in a lively discussion about topics and recommendations for the Spring 2011 meeting. The general suggestions were: (a) more time and flexibility for roundup reports followed by discussion on topics that emerge from these reports; (b) perspectives of university administrators on structure and function of faculty senates; (c) ways in which the student athletics departments interface with academics; and (d) keeping faculty voice at the forefront of a variety of university operations (like exigency, criminal background checks). Murray Leaf described the positive outcomes that emerged from faculty involvement at his university and university system (e.g., criminal background check policy, faculty regents policy).

President Sikka called for new or other business. There being none, in a motion by Mark Frank and second by O. Jayne Bowman, Texas Woman's University, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm
Executive Secretary