

**TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**OCTOBER 17, 2015**

**MINUTES**

President Dana Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. Present were faculty members from 31 institutions. Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, also attended.

Minutes from the October 16-17, 2015 were read. In a motion by Karen Jenlink, Stephen F. Austin State University and second by Richard Scotch, University of Texas Dallas, the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Alba Ortiz presented the Treasurer's Report indicating we are solvent. She asked the members if it would be acceptable to not present a fall report as it has very little information to present. There being no objection, Murray Leaf, Vice President, University of Texas Dallas motioned that the report be accepted and Bobbette Morgan, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley seconded the motion.

Dr. Cooper noted she had a list of items to send to the membership, if desired, to include the AERA and ASHE joint statement on tenure and academic freedom, a link to Dr. Natalicio's presentation and the 60x30 plan which is the first time anyone has seen or heard of it. At this point, Richard Scotch announced that he had crafted a resolution on 60x30. There was discussion about the content. Dr. Scotch motioned that the resolution be accepted as is and Wynne Chin, University of Houston, seconded the motion. In a vote by the membership, the motion passed with three nays and four abstentions.

There being no further business, Dr. Cooper announced that the spring meeting dates are February 26-27, 2016 and called for a motion to adjourn which was so made by Trevor Hale, University of Houston Downtown.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grimm

Executive Secretary

## ABBOTT RESOLUTION

Whereas Greg Abbott has already provided a vision of higher education initiatives and

Whereas future prosperity of the State of Texas is dependent on the education of 21<sup>st</sup> century education citizens and

Whereas Texans deserve the best educational system in this nation, be it resolved that Texas Council of Faculty Senates welcomes and supports the governor's vision and mission for higher education.

Texas Council of Faculty Senates wholeheartedly supports the efforts of Governor Abbott and the Legislature to provide the resources and support to elevate the national research standing of our universities, educate new generations of Texans, and make college more affordable.

10/17/15