

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

BUSINESS MEETING

February 16, 2008

Minutes

President David Weissenburger called the meeting to order at 10:25 A.M. Present were faculty senate members from twenty campuses.

In a motion made by Irma Jones and seconded by Chloe Diepenbrock, the minutes of the February 15, 2007 Business Meeting were presented and approved with corrections noting that the two candidates for the Summer Fellows Program had been submitted to Catherine Parsonault of The Coordinating Board and to document the use of the major meeting room for the TSUS system for an 8:00 A.M. meeting on Friday morning, February 15, 2007, and successive meetings.

Treasurer and Vice President Alba Ortiz presented the treasurer's report and budget for 2008-2009. A motion by Anjoo Sikka, University of Houston Downtown, and seconded by Nagarajan Ramamoorthy, University of Houston Victoria, a vote to accept passed unanimously.

Nominations Officer and Vice President Joe Kotarba noted the Coordinating Board Summer Fellows Program has no plans to be resume the Summer Fellows Program.

Special Projects Officer and Vice President Peggy Landrum asked that topics for future meetings be e-mailed to her.

Webmistress/Editor and Vice President Sarah Moreman discussed the website which is under construction to make it easier to navigate and update.

President Weissenburger thanked the faculty senate members who attended the meeting for their support.

Vice President Joe Kotarba announced there were no nominees for the West Region and Northeast Region Vice Presidents. A request for nominations from the floor revealed there were none so nominations were closed. Karen Fuss-Sommer made a motion, seconded by Nagarajan Ramamoorthy, to elect the current officers, Sarah Moreman and Peggy Landrum respectively, by acclamation. For President-Elect, the nominees were Anjoo Sikka and Ferris Byxbe. There were no nominations from the floor. A vote by members named Anjoo Sikka as the new President-Elect.

The Executive Committee recommended that the dues for 2008-2009 remain at \$300.00. The vote to pass this recommendation passed unanimously.

Murray Leaf, University of Texas at Dallas, presented his proposal to seek legislation to authorize a faculty regent for Texas universities and university systems. A motion was made for the Texas Council of Faculty Senates to approve this initiative and a resolution was passed unanimously. The resolution will be attached to these minutes.

Karen Fuss-Sommer, University of Texas-Brownsville, requested assistance from Texas Council of Faculty Senates in the approval of a resolution against building a border wall through the campus of the university. In a motion made by Chloe Diepenbrock and seconded by Murray Leaf, Texas Council of Faculty Senates supported the resolution of University of Texas-Brownsville academic senate with respect to the Texas-Mexico border wall.

President Weissenburger asked for anyone who might have an interest in working with Texas Council of Faculty Senates on a publicity campaign to get in touch with him

The Fall Meeting date for Texas Council of Faculty Senates is October 24-25, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.