

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH 1, 2014

MINUTES

President LaVelle Hendricks called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. Present were faculty members from thirty-one campuses.

The minutes of the October 26, 2013 Business Meeting, copies distributed to members, were read. In a motion by Dana Cooper, Vice President, East Region and seconded by Ed Westermann, Texas A&M University, San Antonio, the minutes were approved without objection.

President Hendricks called on officers to present reports.

Tom Linton, Texas A&M University-Galveston, reported that he and staff were able to correct web site. He questioned purpose of and what to put on it. Murray Leaf, Vice President-Northeast Region, questioned whether the web site could be linked to governance organizations which was affirmed by Webmaster Linton. Also questioned was whether roundup reports could be put on web site with password restricting access by only TCFS members. With a positive reply, Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, to send roundup reports.

Alba Ortiz, Treasurer, presented Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2014-2015, copies to members, advising that our finances are well within our budget. She said that dues invoices will be in the mail shortly and encouraged payment thereof to sustain the work of TCFS. In a motion by Fuat Firat, University of Texas-Pan American and seconded by Linda Openshaw, Texas A&M University-Commerce, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Treasurer Ortiz then presented the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 proposing some small changes. In a motion by Barbara Hernandez, seconded by Emil Owens, Texas Southern University, the budget was approved unanimously.

President Hendricks announced the dates for the next meetings as:

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October 24-25, 2014

February 27-28, 2015

October 23-24, 2015

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Murray Leaf questioned whether or not the time set aside as “University System Meetings” could be better used for something else such as collective interest groups meeting together. General discussion is to do a panel to see if this would be of interest to members.

In a motion by Murray Leaf and seconded by Fuat Firat, it was moved to authorize a survey of the state of post tenure review in Texas by Frank Fair and Debra Price of Sam Houston State University. TCFS agrees that the survey can be conducted on its behalf and urges cooperation of member institutions. Data and results from the survey will remain the property of those who design and conduct it.

Dana Cooper introduced the subject of family-friendly environments available on campuses. A discussion ensued and it was decided to consider a panel or ask for how it is handled at campuses through a future roundup report topic.

This being an election year, President Hendricks announced that the positions of West Region and Northeast Region vice presidents are up for election along with the position of president-elect. These positions begin tenure in the fall. He opened the floor for nominations and there being none, nominations were closed and Michael Farmer, Vice President, West Region, was re-elected. Nominations were opened from the floor for the position of Vice President, Northeast Region, and there being none, Murray Leaf was re-elected. For president-elect, Dana Cooper, Vice President, East Region, was nominated. There being no nominations from the floor, nominations closed, and Dana was elected to the position of president-elect.

Topics for future meetings from Murray Leaf are a panel on Shared Governance and/or an Intellectual Property Panel.

There being no further business, President Hendricks announced the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Sharon Grimm
Executive Secretary