

## Faculty Senate Meeting

7 Oct 2011  
12:00 noon - 2:30 pm  
WHTC 250

- I. Call to Order by Mr. Townsend at 1:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call, **Present:** Mr. B. Townsend, Dr. F. Rhodes, Dr. M. Bennett, Dr. S. Duffy, Ms. V. Garcia, Dr. S. Garrett, Dr. L. Hammer, Dr. J. Kilburn, Dr. M. Moran, Dr. M. Munoz, Dr. J. Norris, Dr. L. Prieto, Dr. A. Ramirez, Dr. C. Sung, Dr. M. Vargas

Our Student Representative to the Faculty Senate, Jerry Perez, was introduced.

- III. The minutes from the September Senate meeting were approved unanimously.

### IV. Committee Reports

All Committee Chairs were urged to call an organizational meeting of their respective committees.

The University of Illinois has an Assessment Department with a very extensive Assessment Instrument which has been shared with our Assessment Committee for review and discussion.

And additional paragraph was presented for insertion in the Faculty Senate Handbook under “Documentation and Presentation in Support of Applications” (page 41 of the Handbook) concerning soliciting external reviews for promotion and tenure. There was a concern presented that there was no deadline suggested for accepting external peer reviews or for the insertion of any additional materials into an individual’s portfolio. Also, there was concerned expressed about exactly what additional materials should be allowed to be inserted. After discussion and the slight wording change introduced by the Provost this paragraph was voted on and approved unanimously.

Discussion on the inclusion of the Clinical Track to the Handbook and how the Clinical Track is organized into the levels; Associated, Assistant and Full positions. It was brought up that within Education the Clinical Track Faculty are now referred to as “Professionals” , because the position of “Clinical” is not recognized by the A&M System. It was requested that a representative speak to this at a future Senate meeting and the discussion was tabled for a future meeting when appropriate representatives could be present.

V. Our Guests from Student Success and Student Affairs (Gina Gonzalez, Gerardo Alva and Mayra Hernandez) were given the floor.

Topics that were discussed were student conduct and exactly what is a reportable student misconduct offense, which can be reported on the TAMU website. Also that students who are dropped from the University for nonpayment of tuition may be reinstated with a \$100 an hour late fee.

VI. Other Business

Discussion proceeded on a handout presented by Mr. Townsend entitled “Teaching Digital Kids” . It was presented as informational for those who deal with Facebook and other forms of social media.

There was a concern brought up about a bottleneck with Teaching Assistants not being able to start their job at the beginning of the semester because the hiring process begins too early.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.