Faculty Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2003

**Call to order:** Dr. Welborn, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:12pm in LEC 14.

**Members present:** Lari Arjomand, Jim Braun, Amelia Broussard, Jeff Chastine, Tom Harden, Ron Jackson, Bobby Marcus, Jean Myers, Sharon Sellers, Mary Stephens, Joe Trachtenberg, and Bob Welborn.

**Others present:** Cathie Aust**,** Sharon Hoffman, John Kohler, Bud Miller, Brad Rice, Kim Robinson and Jamye Sanders.

**1. Minutes:** Minutes of April 3rd were approved with amendments by FC.

**2. Consideration of changes to Smith Award Committee:** Clarification in the procedure page and additions about qualification. This committee is entry level for junior faculty. Adopted changes were approved by FC.

**3. By-Law Changes:** Time was allotted for faculty to ask questions. Being none Dr. Braun made a motion to replace voting procedures. Vote was 5 to 3 against replacement. Discussion followed.

**4. Update from the Provost:**

         Met with SACS chair on the format for strategic plan.

         Dr. James Mackin will join the Academic Affairs office as the new Associate Provost on August 1, 2003. The search for dean of Health Sciences is in final stages and an offer will be made to final candidate this week. Will have IRR candidates on campus for interview before graduation. The music chair interviews are ongoing.

         Dean and faculty evaluations are forthcoming in the next week. Faculty accomplishments are due before semester end.

         May 8 from 2-4pm will be the welcoming of all new deans with spouses at Spivey Hall.

         Discussion followed.

**5. Update from the President:**

* No decisions have been made on the budget
* The SGA is considering Pick-a-Prof which is a student service from Texas A&M. The presentation was last week and the yearly package is $5,000 and basically funded by student fees. It allows students to view online grade history, course information and review of professors. The company screens student’s comments and is more structured and monitored. Dr. Harden asked FC to receive SGA with an open mind if it is presented over the summer.

         Dr. Harden thanked Dr. Welborn for his leadership as chairman of committee.

         Discussion followed.

**6. New Business:**

* Dr. Braun stated the frustration from faculty of short deadlines on many items before end of semester. Dr. Hoffman apologized and stated that many are reporting mechanisms for SACS and must be completed.
* FC will not meet May 1, 2003.
* Discussion followed.

**7. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:08pm.**

Submitted:

Jamye Sanders

Secretary to the Council