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**FACULTY SENATE**

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**CALL TO ORDER BY:**
Dr. Lorenz Lutherer

**MEMBERS PRESENT**
Dr. Everardo Cobos, Dr. Tori Gustafson, Dr. Barbara Johnston, Dr. Lorenz Lutherer, Dr. Yondell Masten, Dr. Thomas McGovern; Dr. Barbara Sawyer, Dr. Charles Seifert

**HANDOUTS**
- Regents’ Rules 04.03 – Tenure (previous email attachment)
- Summary of meeting with President Mittemeyer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item A. Communication**
1. The summary of the meeting with President Mittemeyer was projected on the screen for viewing and reviewed by Dr. Lutherer. The meeting produced positive support for the Senate by the President and his agreement to meet with the Executive Committee on a regular basis. The President has asked the Senate to be involved in the Faculty Awards criteria and timing. A budget for the Senate was approved; however, budget specifics were not given to the President. Budget was discussed in Item E below.

**Agenda Item B. Issues**
1. Announcements that will be posed on the Senate website will include the Tenure Revisions of Regents’ Rules 04.03 and other issues that require faculty review such as revision to the HSC Tenure and Promotion Policies. These issues will require faculty input, and this is the method of choice for policy review and communication. The Senate Bylaws will be followed in regard to the timing (reading of revisions, etc. and responding in four weeks time) of the announcement and garnering responses. Motion to accept was carried.
2. Dr. Lutherer stated that the Deans’ work on Regents’ Rules 04.03 stated that his work was good and our recommendations for changes were generally accepted. Discussion ensured regarding posting the revisions to Rule 04.03 on the Announcements page and requesting faculty input. Dr. Lutherer will request from President Mittemeyer a two month deferment of presenting the final version of this Rule to the Board of Regents until all faculty have an opportunity to provide input.
3. Dr. McGovern stated that the HSC Policy on tenure and promotion should not be discussed until the Regents have accepted the revised Regents’ Rule 04.03. A motion to shelve discussion on this policy carried.

**Agenda Item C. Recommendations**
1. Most faculty councils or groups will be selecting senators in August for
the permanent Faculty Senate. Progress has been made in the School of Pharmacy and School of Allied Health Sciences. Regarding Schools of Nursing and Medicine, there was no comment made on Senate elections for those schools.

2. TTUHSC Faculty Awards ad hoc committee (Tori, Tom, and Barbara J.) have not yet met to put together all information regarding the awards. Criteria for these awards will be determined and set forth by the Senate with President Mittemeyer’s approval. The Chancellor’s Award will in particular be reviewed.

**Agenda Item D.** Policies and Procedures

1. Drafting of Policies and Procedures for Newly Developed Committees: not discussed

2. Drafting Policy and Procedure for Soliciting Faculty Input about Faculty Issues Reviewed by the Faculty Senate: discussed in Item B above.

**Members**

**Agenda Item E.** Leadership

1. The Faculty Senate budget was set at $10,000 annually and will be presented to President Mittemeyer on July 12th when the Senators meet with him again. Budget will include staff support salary augmentation, food for meetings, miscellaneous supplies, and information technology support.

2. Members discussed the total amount of the budget which was set at $10,000. Staff support was reduced to 5% augmentation based on the amount of time thought to be required for Senate business.

**Members**

**Agenda Item F.** Committee Reports -- None

**Agenda Item G.** Officer Reports -- None

**Agenda Item H.** Other

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presenter(s):**

**Agenda Item A.** TTUHSC Faculty Survey Results (see link from June 8 email from IT Webmaster): Discussion ensued regarding how the Senate can address the issues found by the faculty survey. In particular, tenure and promotion policies seem to be a major component of faculty dissatisfaction. These policies will be reviewed by the Senate following the Regents acceptance of 04.03.

**Agenda Item B.** Other

**Agenda Item C.** Since this meeting, a new policy for Faculty Awards was distributed. In this light, the Faculty Senate needs to determine its role in the awards process (item C2). Also, President Mittemeyer states that review of the Regents’ Rule 04.03 by all faculty will not be possible as the deadline approaches in August and he has informed General Counsel that the revised rule will go forward immediately (item B2).

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** ???

Meeting with President Mittemeyer: July 12th 1:00 p.m.

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