



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Faculty Senate Meeting

May 13, 2015 at 1:00pm
O'Banion, Room 123

MEETING MINUTES

Executive Committee Members in Attendance

Clement Glenn, Speaker
Emmanuel Opara, Vice Speaker
M. Clay Hooper, Secretary
Ronald Goodwin, Parliamentarian
Gloria Regisford, Member-At-Large
Ross Wienert, Member-At-Large

Item I: Sign-In By College

College of Ag & Human Sciences

Gbenga Ojumu

School of Architecture

College of Arts & Sciences

Michael Nojeim
Jeffrey Freeman
A. Jan Taylor
Megan Collins
Mark Tschaepe
Michael D. Royster

College of Business

Sanzid Haq

College of JJPY

Aisha Asby

College of Education

Clarissa Booker
Douglas Butler
Douglas Hermond
Albert Johnson
Jasmine Hamilton

College of Engineering

Jorge Gabitto
Sheena Reeves
Xiangfang (Lindsey) Li

College of Nursing

Douglass Wakhu (ITVN)
Antonea Jackson (ITVN)

Item II: Invocation by Senator Hermond

Item III: Greeting & Call to Order

1. Speaker Glenn called the meeting to order, with a quorum, at 1:29pm.

Item IV: Senator Roll Call

Item V: Recognition of Outgoing Senators

1. Speaker recognized the service of outgoing senators Douglas Butler, Ross Wienert, and Yi Zhang

Item VI: Induction of New Members:

1. Speaker Glenn inducted new senators Quincy Moore, Mark Tschaepe, Michael D. Royster, Megan Collins, Jasmine Hamilton, and Xiangfang (Lindsey) Li

Item VII: Approval of Previous Minutes

1. Senator Nojeim moved to approve the April minutes without revision. Member-At-Large Regisford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item VIII: Executive Committee Elections Reeves. Hermond motions to close nomination, Regisford seconds. Hooper. Vice Speaker: Regisford. Booker motions to close nomination, Nojeim seconds. Secretary: Reeves. Nojeim motions, Hooper seconds. Asst. Secretary: Asby. Nojeim motions to close, Regisford seconds. Member-At-Large: Ojumu, Nojeim, Johnson. Tschaepe motion to close, Goodwin seconds.

1. Nominations and elections were held with the following results for positions on the Executive Committee:
 - a. **Speaker:** M. Clay Hooper
 - b. **Vice Speaker:** Gloria Regisford
 - c. **Secretary:** Sheena Reeves
 - d. **Assistant Secretary:** Aisha Asby
 - e. **Members-At-Large:** Michael Nojeim, Albert Johnson, Gbenga Ojumu
2. Speaker-Elect Hooper asked Parliamentarian Goodwin if he would continue in his post as Parliamentarian. Parliamentarian Goodwin accepted the reappointment.

Item IX: Committee Reports

1. Senator Glenn charged all committee chairs with providing a formal summary of their committee's activities over the previous year and their goals for the following year.
2. *Committee on University Facilities:* Senator Wienert (chair) explained that the administration is considering erecting a series of plaques around the campus to commemorate important figures from the institution's history.
3. *Committee on Salaries, Benefits, Budgets:* Senator Johnson (chair) explained the committee's most immediate business is to continue pushing for a contract to complete faculty compensation study. Secretary Hooper (member) explained added that the scope of work for the study had expanded during discussions with the selection committee's top choice of human resources firms and that, consequently, the quote for the project was higher than the administration was comfortable with. A revised scope of work is currently being negotiated.
4. *Committee on Committees:* Secretary Hooper (chair) explained that the committee's primary goal in the upcoming year would be to take a more prominent role in the appointment of senators and other faculty members to university- and system-level committees and special positions.
5. *Committee on Communication:* Member-At-Large Regisford (chair) explained that the primary goal of the committee moving forward would be to improve the two-way communication between the Senate and the faculty.
6. *Graduate Council and University Academic Council (UAC):* Senator Butler reported that the UAC and Graduate Council had completed its work for the year, which included making significant reforms to practices and processes. He added that efforts are being to improve the coordination between the UAC and Graduate Council.
7. *Committee on Faculty Research & Development:* Senator Butler (chair) reported that his replacement will need to help plan the 2015-2016 agenda for the Center for Teaching Excellence. This agenda will include new initiatives for helping faculty members deal effectively with the increasing diversity of the student

population. Senator Butler reported that the Office of Research had announced the recipients of the PVAMU mini-grants as well as its intention to expand opportunities for research grants.

8. *Committee on Student Recruitment*: Vice Speaker Opara (chair) reported that the committee had submitted a seven-page report to the speaker that the next committee chair can use to formulate recommendations related to recruitment efforts.
9. *Enrollment*: Speaker Glenn reported that a new retention program would be in place in Fall 2015 for iRead program members and students who did not pass the college entrance exam. He also reported that President Wright's task force on recruitment and retention is in communication with Texas Education Agency to help Prairie View get into area school districts to mentor students on college readiness and recruit them PVAMU programs.
10. *Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Handbook*: Parliamentarian Goodwin (chair) reported that the revised faculty handbook is scheduled to be ready for Fall 2015. It will include hyperlinks to system policies and institutional procedures and guidelines, which will reduce the overall size of the handbook and make it more user-friendly.
11. *Rules & Procedures*: Senator Hermond (chair) reported that the committee is putting together a document with guidelines for faculty grievances. He asked that the chair of the committee directly involved in any events designed for two-way communication between the Senate and faculty members.

Item IX: Additional Business

1. Speaker-Elect Hooper announced that the new Executive Committee would organize a summer retreat for all senators prior to the beginning of the fall term.
2. Senator Nojeim moved to adjourn the meeting; Senator Butler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22pm.