**University of Texas at Tyler**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Date:** June 9, 2015  
**Call to order:** 1405  
**Adjourned:** 1544  

**Members Present:** David Beams; John Cater; Gloria Duke; Rebecca Fountain; Mary Fischer; Barbara Hart; Jim Koukl; John Lamb; Shelly Marmion; Mark Miller; Wycliffe Njororai; Vivek Pandey; Cathy Ross; Colin Snider; Lance Williams.

**Guests:** President Mabry, William Geiger, Neil Gray, Amy Hayes, S. Kambhaupah, & Michael McGinnis

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<td><strong>Call to order</strong> Minutes</td>
<td>Meeting was called to order by Dr. Lance Williams at 1405. Motion made to approve last meeting minutes.</td>
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<td><strong>Presidents report</strong></td>
<td>New University Provost and Advancement VP (Wendell Jeffries) has been selected and will be here in August. Voiced appreciation to Dr. Ross Sherman for filling that position temporarily. Building funds are being passed through legislature for the business building. Alumni house will start later in summer. Outside of funding – Palestine special item passed in the legislature. Budget update is better related to improved student retention and recruitment State appropriations are up 8%. Online course numbers are up. Dual courses used in high school are reducing the freshman year, which reduces budget. Legislative session is over with good results. Expect 2% merit raise, possible market adjustment, to be made with faculty salaries. TJC received baccalaureate granting privilege for dental hygiene only.</td>
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**Enhancing Campus Communication**

**Ad Hoc – Committee on Committees Dr. Mary Fischer**

A comprehensive list of the 2014-2015 University Committees along with the committee responsibilities and membership were shared with the senate members. Concern voiced that most University committees do not meet. Ad Hoc committee formed from senate members have reviewed committee organization with recommendations made. Ad Hoc committee membership included Dr. Gloria Duke, Dr. Mary Fisher, Dr. Lance Williams, and Dr. Wink.

**Recommendations for committees** included:
- Faculty Emeritus – Will include all full time professors, with chair being president elect.
- Academic Affairs – Undergraduate AA to model graduate council with sub groups
- Arts and Performance – University President to lead related to donors and to retain recommended members.
- Intercultural Affairs Committee – Several committees will be combined to form (GATE, International), Space Allocation – Standing Committee, asked with faculty senate member to be a part of committee

**Committee report approved**
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HOP – Is under current review with a substantial revision required. HOP will need to continually need to be evaluated and revised as needed every 5 years.  
University Assessment Committee  
Honors committee-Each college is to have 1 member  
**Other recommendations included:**  
Formation of Distance Education Advisory committee with student representation  
Representation of University College requested for several committees  
Look at how chairs are being elected  
Some committees need to be chaired with tenure faculty members who have history at the University, Intellectual property committee  
6 governing areas – faculty senate, president, academic affairs, business affairs, student affairs, and OSRTT. Recommendation to move admissions recruitment/retention and student appeals committee from business affairs to academic affairs  
Lance called for motion to pass university committee restructure proposed changes  
Recommendation for provost to work with council of chairs to determine membership so no overloading of faculty would occur. First – G Duke, Second – Jim Koukhl.  

IT – Department of Academic Transformation, with budget planned to renew technology across the University, utilizing same technology – Mark Miller will serve as faculty member from senate to improve room. There is going to be a mock room set up. Problems improving – intercom system to help desk, Live classroom – technology to use Zoom & Tegrity. Time frame – usability of classroom, number of hours, etc. Number of hours used will determine when classrooms will be updated. Computers will fall under Michael Vick, does not fall under Academic Affairs. Some rooms are updated with computers, some are not. Computers are to be left on 24/7