

Minutes
Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting
03/11/05
Texas State University—ED 4040 (faculty lounge)

Members in Attendance: Steve Gordon, Steve Awoniyi, Deborah Buswell, Jennifer Battle, Greg Soukup, Colleen Connolly, Mike Boone, Sarah Nelson, Drema Albin, Jo Webber, Shana Pate-Moulton

Chair Steve Gordon called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

I. Discussion with Dean Beck:

- a. Discussion of Tenure and Promotion:** Dean Beck is hearing that more of the decision for tenure and promotion is going to be made at the department and college level rather than at the Provost/President level. The college committee will meet and hopefully get things in motion soon. We discussed whether or not the new dean will accept our plan—probably for at least a year, s/he will. Chairs will be involved in the process, so Dean Beck would like for Chairs to be involved in the committee work. It was recommended that having only 1 Chair on the committee would be more suitable. It was suggested that faculty only meet at the first meeting, and then Chairs would attend the 2nd meeting. It was suggested that we put 1 Chair and 1 Associate Dean on the committee. Dr. Pankey was recommended as the Chair to be on the committee.

- b. Discussion of process by which decision to go for NCATE was made (why no faculty involvement)?:** Dean Beck explained that the plan to go ahead with NCATE accreditation started in strategic planning meetings that have been in motion for several years. Dean Beck mentioned that the monies we received from the Provost were to go for a part-time (half-time) secretary, for travel for Patrice and Rich, etc. We discussed benefits for NCATE—external approval of our program, benefits to our graduates (having graduated from an NCATE accredited program), possibility of more external program. Dean Beck explained that our university had NCATE accreditation until 1987.

- c. Discussion of FAC survey on shared governance:** We have decided to take a constructive view on shared governance—surveying faculty on their perception of shared governance. Additionally, we discussed a self-monitoring guide for the Chairs to keep track of their involvement in shared governance. The questions would be: 1) is shared governance present in this area? 2) do we want shared governance in this area? 3) do we know how to do shared governance or the desire to do shared governance? Steve Gordon, Moe Johnson, and Dean Beck are willing to serve on this committee.

- d. Discussion of topics selected by Dean:** Dean Beck thinks that the more we have stated and in-the-works before the new Dean gets here, the better off we'll be. He's proud of the work that the FAC does.

5 Minute break

- II. Approval of minutes** A few minor changes will be made. Shana read the additional minutes from the last meeting. Greg Soukup moved that we accept the minutes. Jo Webber seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- III. Replacement for Marilyn Goodwin:** Jo asked Kathy Fite, and she's not able to do it. Jo will ask Larry Wheeler.
- IV. Update on Dean Search:** Chair Gordon reported that we're very close to inviting candidates in. Jo reported that the committee has interviewed 7 people at the airport. The committee was willing to bring 6 of those people in, but only 4 will be invited. FAC will be allowed to have a private meeting with each candidate. Chair Gordon recommended that we all make every attempt to attend these meetings. Possible dates for interviews: April 1, April 6, April 13, April 14, April 15. FAC will get 45 minutes with the candidates.
- V. Rescheduling of lunch for new faculty:** Chair Gordon is not going to be able to make the arrangements for a lunch on March 22. We'll use Butch at the print shop to help with invitations; we have a caterer available; we have money available; we'll use the 11th floor of JCK. Luncheon will be moved to April 29th at 12:00. Additionally, we'll cancel the May 6th FAC meeting and move it to April 29th at 2:00. FAC members need to encourage the new faculty members in their department to come to the luncheon. Mike Boone will help Steve Gordon help with planning the meeting.
- VI. Website update from Steve Awoniyi:** Steve showed us the webpage. It has a primary mission statement, guiding principles, links to "announcements," "archives," "current committees," etc. The home page impressed the FAC. We decided to add "Texas State University-San Marcos" to the home page. Steve Awoniyi requested some information on "working documents" that describes what kinds of things we're working on. All FAC members' names are on the webpage. We will add the year that each member will rotate off the FAC. Shana will get that information from Nathan and give it to Steve Awoniyi. Jenny Battle sent the list of committee members to Steve Gordon. Steve Awoniyi needs that list.

Meeting adjournment: Sarah Nelson moved that we adjourn the meeting. Mike Boone seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Shana Pate-Moulton, FAC Secretary