

Texas Southern University  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
March 6, 2008

**Senators Present :** Michael Zietler, Tommy Woods (LABS); Mildred Bright, MacJohn Akpaffiong (COPHS), Mammo Woldie (BUS); Edieth Wu (LAW); James Opolot (PA); Jonathan Lewis (COST); Rita Saylor (GRAD)

**Officers Present:** Alex Swan, Dianne Mosley, Howard Beeth, Ron Samples and Christopher Tymczak

**Senators Absent:** Salena Ahmed, Emlyn Norman (LABS); Andrea Shelton, Arun Jadkar (COPHS); David Hansen, Marion Smith (BUS); Chris Ulasi (COM); Elsa Leggett, Nina Saha (EDU); Marian Ferguson (LIBR)

**Officers Absent:** Lalita Sen, Rambis Chu

Chairman Alex Swan called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Dr. Bob Ford was asked to report on the Faculty Senate Mentoring Committee. He requested a committee charge from the Senate. The specific wording of this charge will be decided upon at some time in the future. In summary, the committee is charged with identifying successful mentoring programs existing elsewhere and reviewing them to determine best practices that can be implemented at TSU.

State Representative Sylvester Turner was asked to provide a legislative update to the Faculty Senate. Representative Turner spoke at length about the financial condition of Texas Southern University from his perspective as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. He stated that TSU was never without funds and many of our problems are also found at other universities in Texas. He also expressed the opinion that it is to the advantage of TSU to speak to the legislature with one voice. He talked about funding that was appropriated for a satellite campus that will no longer be available if it has not been utilized by 2010.

Dr. Swan will meet with President Rudley to attempt to arrange a schedule of regular meetings between the President and the Faculty Senate. He will report back to the Senate with more detailed information about these meetings.

It was brought to the attention of the Senate that faculty members have requested an opportunity for the faculty to meet with President Rudley.

Dr. Beeth stated that the reorganization plan has not been brought to the faculty for input and this violates the principle of shared governance.

Copies of a draft of the Faculty Speaks were distributed by Editor Ron Samples and discussed. The Editorial Board consists of Drs. Samples, Beeth, Tymczak and Mosley.

Dr. Swan wants an election committee of approximately five (5) persons to be formed.

A motion to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting (with two(2) noted changes) was made, seconded, and was unanimously passed by the Senate membership.

The meeting was adjourned.