

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL FOR 2007-2008

The University of Texas at Austin
Main Building, Room 212

Monday, February 18, 2008
2:15 P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY** (D 6089-6099)—Sue Alexander Greninger.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**
 - A. Minutes of the Regular Faculty Council meeting of January 28, 2008 (6100-6117).
- III. COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRESIDENT**—William Powers Jr.
 - A. Comments by the President.
 - B. Questions to the President.
- IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**—Doug Burger.
- V. REPORT OF THE CHAIR ELECT**—David Hillis.
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**
 - A. Resolution Endorsing the Goals and Principles of the COIA Proposals on Reforms in Intercollegiate Athletics (D 6001-6004)—David M. Hillis (professor, integrative biology and Faculty Council Executive Committee, chair elect). *Unanimously endorsed by the FCEC.
- VII. REPORTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY, COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMITTEES.**
 - A. Report of the Faculty Council Ad Hoc Committee on Academics Enhancement through Athletics—Alba A. Ortiz (professor, special education and committee chair).
 - B. Reports from the General Faculty Standing Committees.
 1. Faculty Committee on Committees—Kenneth M. Ralls (professor, mechanical engineering and committee chair).
 2. Committee on Financial Aid to Students—Clark R. Wilson (professor, geological sciences and committee chair).
 3. Faculty Building Advisory Committee—Ofodike A. Ezekoye (professor, mechanical engineering and committee chair).
 4. Parking and Traffic Appeals Panel—Thomas Milner (associate professor, biomedical engineering and committee chair).
 5. Recruitment and Retention Committee—Lisa Bedore (associate professor, communication sciences and disorders and committee chair).
 6. Research Policy Committee—John W. Kappelman (professor, anthropology and committee chair).
 7. Responsibilities, Rights, and Welfare of Graduate Student Academic Employees Committee—Brian L. Evans (professor, electrical and computer engineering and committee chair).
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS.**
 - A. Proposal from the Educational Policy Committee to Add an Honorary A+ to the Grading System (D 6088)—Desmond Lawler (professor, civil, architectural, and environmental engineering and committee chair).

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS.

- A. Senate of College Councils is hosting the University's official debate watching party on Thursday, February 21. The screening will take place in the Union Ballroom and will start at 5:30pm
- B. The next Faculty Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 24 at 2:15 in Main 212.
- C. The General Faculty college nomination phase for election to the Faculty Council will be February 25 through March 7.
- D. The General Faculty college voting phase for election to the Faculty Council will be March 31 through April 11.
- E. A charter bus has been reserved for transportation to the Joint Meeting at College Station on March 17. Please RSVP no later than March 3 and indicate if you will be riding the bus.
- F. Standing Committees should elect a chair elect to serve as chair beginning the first class day of fall 2008. Please provide that information to the Office of the General Faculty no later than March 10.
- G. Two breakfast meetings with the president have been scheduled, one on April 1 and the other on May 1. Please sign up to attend one of these two breakfasts by sending an email message to fc@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

X. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
The General Faculty and the Faculty Council