

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate March 12, 2008**

In Attendance: James Evans, David Vines, Catherine Ortega, Bennett Amaechi, Ronald Verrett, Keith Krolick, William Morgan, Renee Yew, Deborah Baruch-Bienen, Krista Bowers, Rajeshwar Rao Tekmmal, Margaret Brackley, and Mickey Parsons

Absent: Helen Sorenson, Peter Gakunga, Barry Norling, William Clark, Sally Combest, Christopher Franka, Daniel Johnson, Mark Nadeau, Leticia Vargas, Rebecca Garcia-Michels, and Catherine Robichaux

Guests: Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration

Convened: 4:05 PM

### **University Topics: Updates**

Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration

- 1). Dr. Froman says good bye to the Senate.
- 2). Eileen Breslin, PhD, RN will be the new Dean of the Nursing School.
- 3). There will be a new budget process this year that is closely aligned with the strategic plan. Chairs and Deans are currently collecting data for this process.
- 4). Search for the Dean of the Graduate School continues.
- 5). SACS passed with flying colors. They recommended that we do a better job of documenting outcomes of the graduate students. Dr. Krolick congratulated Dr. Chiang and her staff on a job well done.

### **University Topics: Faculty Grievance Policy**

Dr. Parsons

The revised Faculty grievance policy was circulated by email and during the meeting with changes highlighted. The changes were briefly reviewed and unanimously accepted. Dr. Krolick thanked Dr. Parsons and her committee for their outstanding work. The approved policy is attached and will be presented at the Executive Committee for their approval.

### **Report from UT System Faculty Advisory Council**

Dr. Krolick

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.