

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting, September 11, 2019

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Place: The meeting was held in Zoom rooms at both campuses: Vo-Tech I, Room 32, in Cisco; and Room AEC 214 in Abilene.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by William Hagood, chair.

Roll Call: Attending from Cisco were William Hagood, Kyndall Kaska, Debbie Baker, Debbie Barton, Samuel Stewart, and Linda Spetter.

Present at Abilene were Zane Laws, Randy Miller, John Caraway, and Link Harris.

Absent from the Cisco campus were Terra Bartee and Susan Moore.
Persons absent from the Abilene campus were Bea Jackson and Marvella Starlin,

Quorum: A voting quorum was achieved, with more than half of committee members present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: No minutes were available from the previous meeting (held with bookstore representatives).

New Business:

1. William Hagood said Dr. Dupree had sent an email about the Piper Professor Award with the suggestion that preparations for the award nomination begin soon, as the deadline is in November.

Zane Laws pointed out that the award is about research scholarship as well as teaching ability, and that candidates must have done research or be doing research now.

The group discussed deadlines for various phases of the nominee selection.

Debbie Baker moved that Sept. 18 be the deadline for potential candidates to indicate their interest in submitting a nomination package for the Piper Award; those persons would then have until Oct. 1 to submit an application package. The motion was seconded by Samuel Stewart. The motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that an email soliciting potential candidates be sent no later than Sept. 12.

2. William Hagood brought up the issue of election of senators. He pointed out that an election was supposed to have been held the previous April, but no election was held. The question brought on the floor was whether to hold a catch-up election, or

to coast with current membership until the following April.

Kyndall Kaska moved that all current senators stay put until a new election next April. The motion was seconded by Debbie Baker. The motion carried unanimously.

3. William Hagood stated he would like to see a “meet-greet” reception for new faculty, and that since most new faculty are at Abilene, the reception should be held in Abilene.

The group discussed various options, including asking Katie New of the Activities Committee at Abilene to help plan the event along with John Caraway and Sam Stewart, who agreed to serve on such a planning committee. The patio area of Copper Creek eating establishment was suggested as a possible venue.

Kyndall Kaska made a motion that the Faculty Senate host a reception for the entire faculty this semester, with details to be worked out by the planning committee. Samuel Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hagood said he would e-mail Katie New to seek her participation in the planning.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

Other Business: No other business was discussed.

Adjournment: Samuel Stewart moved for adjournment, and Kyndall Kaska seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Spetter, Recording Secretary