Faculty Senate: November 11, 2013

Guest Speakers were Dr. Pamela Mathews and Provost Karan Watson

Dr. Mathews:

* Update on QEP—Aggies Commit to Learning for a Lifetime.
* Now have a website which is aggiescommit.tamu.edu
* Required following accreditation 2012
* QEP is designed to be flexible

Provost Watson

* Faculty are the culture holders at a university
* Climate survey of 2009 60% of faculty were satisfied
* Climate survey of 2013 now less than 60% of the faculty are satisfied

 Major concern#1: recruiting new faculty; will anyone apply to TAMU?

 Major concern #2: are the current faculty valued (research)?

**Question/Answer**

1. Dissatisfaction with shared governance

 Improve opportunities for faculty to voice opinions and concerns

1. IDC

 Nothing has been decided yet about any changes to IDC

1. Branch Campus in Israel

 Signed MOI which is only an agreement to study the situation

1. HSC and TAMU will be visited by SACS again due to the merger

 Want to see that progress is being made toward becoming one university. Not all issues have to be resolved prior to their visit.

1. MOOCS

 Still under study

1. Need for classroom space

 Form a committee and make recommendations

1. Instructional Effectiveness fees must be removed

 Decision has not been made as to what these fees will be converted to

Consent agenda passed with no discussion

Committee of the Whole

 Proposed location of new parking garages and the increased fees to park were discussed

 Concern that the consent agenda is too long and senators won’t have time to read all of it.