Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes         [http://facultysenate.tamu.edu](http://facultysenate.tamu.edu/) February 10, 2014

Guest Speaker – Dr. Mark Hussey, Interim President TAMU

Will address issues that should not wait for the next president

graduation format will go back to colleges

infrastructure issues including dorms, garages etc.

sharing of research infrastructure resources

continue merging of law school and HSC – Dr. Hussey plans to visit University components around the state

can email Dr. Hussey at president@tamu.edu

planning for the 84th Texas legislative session – College deans will contact faculty to discuss items needing support or statute changes to be recommended

April – budgets due to Regents

Additional Guest Speaker – Dr. Glenn Laine, Interim Vice President for Research

Presented the new initiative for the research enterprise at TAMU.  Dr. Laine focused on proposed changes to distribution of the funds generated by indirect costs on extramural grants

            Proposed distribution model:

                        Faculty or PI for research grant/contract                                10%

                        PI department or unit                                                             15%

                        Research Development Fund – TAMU                                 15%

                        System Component / unit (TAMU, TEES, HSC, Agrilife)   60%

            This distribution model will be discussed in a number of different venues including the Council of Principle Investigators and Distinguished Professors, Deans and Department Heads.  Faculty are urged to provide input.

Additional items addressed

Change in Rule 57 - Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel  - rule was clarified and definitions provided.  Discussion of rule postponed to April Faculty Senate meeting (The March meeting is a joint meeting for faculty senates of TAMU and UT).

2)   Resolution proposed from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate strongly supports adopting the designation “Academic

Professional Track Faculty” in place of “Non-Tenured Track Faculty” in recognition of their

valued contributions to the mission of Texas A&M University.  This resolution was discussed at length and then the vote to approve passed.

Respectfully submitted,   Louise Abbott