Minutes Faculty Senate Meeting Sept. 26, 2002

1. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Committee reports were presented by Dave Carter, Chancellor's Cabinet, and John Brower, Chancellor's Advisory committee.

3. Old business:

(a) Senate appointments to faculty committees were finalized. The roster of all committees will be published by Karen Monaghan, VCAAR office.

(b) VCAAR Patton will be invited to the next senate meeting to discuss faculty pay pool and part-time pay rate increases. Bookstore manager Jenny Luft will be invited to a senate meeting in the near future to discuss bookstore policy.

(c) The briefing session on the faculty handbook seems to have been overlooked. Chancellor will be reminded that this was agreed to at the May 2002 faculty meeting.

4. New business:

(a) The senate will seek to have a representative fill the vacant seat on the Collegiate Evaluation Committee.

(b) The senate will remind the chancellor that the faculty voted to eliminate the positions of deans on the north campus, at the faculty meeting called by the senate last spring semester.

(c) It was noted that unresolved problems still exist regarding dean positions:

1- Administrative and leadership training is non-existent.

2- Deans have not articulated their stated goals, so faculty have no way to know what deans are supposed to be doing, and thus how well they are performing.

3- Deans who are also department heads evaluate themselves.

(d) The senate will schedule a meeting with CHE Dick Crofts for his annual visit to Tech in October.

(e) The senate will invite UM Pres. George Dennison to meet with the senate on his next visit to Tech, for an open discussion with a view towards improving communications between the two campuses.

Submitted by John Brower, Senate Chair.