Minutes

Members present: Heslop, Newman, Choi, Starnes, Arslan, Nippani, Kuracina, Anderson D, Anderson S, Lamarque, Odom, Ballotti, Faulkenberry, King, Pierce, & Wiecko, Smithers, Harp (President), Openshaw (President-Elect), Hammack & Dang (Secretary).

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<td>Motion to approve February minutes as written.</td>
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**Guest Speaker:**

Dr. Marila Palmer, VP of IE & Planning:
1. Answered questions concerning qualifications for teaching graduate courses.
2. Information presented about Institutional Effectiveness and the substantive change policy.

**Communications:**

Senate President
Derald Harp

1. SACS update by chair Derald Harp.
2. Provost search update with 8 off site interviews and 4 upcoming campus interviews.
3. Promotion stipend proposal being reviewed.
4. Consensual relationship policy currently being rewritten by Deans.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Academic Practices:** request to look into IDEA as an evaluation instrument.
2. **Admission and Retention:** committee report handout of recommendations to improve graduation and retention rates.
3. **Faculty Awards:** ballots distributed to vote on final slate for university and senate awards.
4. **Organization of Senate:** draft constitution revisions disseminated for review.

**Unfinished Business:**

Dean’s retreat will consider faculty workload policy.

**New Business:**

1. University Mace to be recast with updated A&M–Commerce name.
2. Faculty Awards ceremony and luncheon April 8, 2013 from 11:30-1:30 p.m.
3. Science Building dedication March 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
4. Rockwall Center opening April 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.