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GENERAL FACULTY MEETING
January 22, 2020

- I. Call to order – Interim Provost Peter Moore called the meeting to order at 3:47 P.M.
- II. Invocation – The invocation was given by Chaplain Steve Rankin.
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Spring 2019 and Fall 2019 General Faculty Meeting. Minutes of the meeting of the General Faculty on January 23, 2019 and August 28, 2019. Professor Timothy Rosendale, President of the Faculty Senate addressed the General Faculty meeting. He opened his remarks by reflecting on his position as president and comparing it to Shakespearian styles of leadership. He reinforced his two propositions from his Fall 2019 address: 1) that SMU is at its strongest and best when the faculty, administration, and the Board work together as “an assembled multitude of rational creatures bound together by common agreement on the objects of their love”, and 2) we have a lot of work to do.

President Rosendale then reviewed some of the activities of the Faculty Senate, Executive Committee and his own activities as Faculty Senate president (*the full text of which is available on the Senate website.*) He commented on the progress of his top priorities for academic year 2019/2020: better basic classroom security, free and civil speech, library funding, and testing accommodations.

In closing, President Rosendale thanked Interim Provost, Peter Moore, and president elect of the Senate Aurelie Thiele, for their hard work and cooperation in working together for an even better SMU.

- IV. Presentation of Awards –Interim Provost Moore presented the Golden Mustang Faculty Award to Dr. Priscilla Lui. He presented the Provost’s Teaching Recognition awards to Rachel Goodman and Dr. Stephen Robertson.
- V. Address to the General Faculty – Interim Provost Peter Moore reflected on his academic career and his strong believe in higher education, and the importance of the faculty.



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