

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, August 31, 2016
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Elizabeth Bishop, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Ting Liu, Vincent Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Shane Smith, Vedaraman Sriraman, Alex White

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Selene Hinojosa (Library)

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Senate Chair Conroy

Information and follow-up items

- Approval of July 27 meeting minutes
- Reminder: FDL, NLFWR and Piper application portals are now open
- UPPS 07.08.02 Voluntary Withdrawal of Students from the University, review due Sept. 7 (Bishop, Ledbetter)
- PPS 7.16 Faculty Salary Equity Study, review due Sept. 14 (Bowman, White)

Curriculum Information Management (CIM) system (Michael Supancic, Micky Autry, and Sonya Gutierrez)

Presentation of new online system used to manage curriculum proposals, including workflow calendar, shortened timeframe, and training opportunities

Committee assignments update

- Remaining committee appointment recommendations reviewed and unanimously approved
- Discussion of Equity and Access Committee vacancies

Faculty Senate September Bulletin

Senator Bishop will propose bulletin items with assistance from Senators Bell-Metereau, Ross-Gordon, and Ledbetter.

Senate goals for 2016-17

2015-16 goals: (1) improve communication with faculty, senate liaisons, senate committees, new administrative hires, and the Texas State University System, (2) strengthen environmental sustainability practices and policies, (3) advocate for faculty research support and incentives, and (4) work to enfranchise the Nontenure Line Faculty

- Returned to Agenda with a request to review 2015-16 Senate goals in conjunction with Mission Statement to assist in upcoming discussion of 2016-17 goals

Fall 2016 calendar dates

- Sept. 7 Jones faculty/staff dining room reception
- Sept. 21 Senate photo
- Sept. 22 Piper Professor reception
- Sept. 30 Referendum open forum
- Oct. 13 Referendum open forum
- Oct. 19 Full senate meeting (senators and liaisons)
- Oct. 25 CAD/Faculty Senate meeting (Tuesday, 1:30)
- Oct. 28 Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting (Conroy and White)

- Nov. 7 Referendum open forum
- Nov. 9-16 Referendum voting
- Dec. 7 PAAG Regents' Room

Spring PAAG meeting dates

- Feb. 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3 – Regents' Room

Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics

Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) membership question returned to agenda

Council of Academic Deans meeting (Conroy)

- Discussion and handout of Outcome Assessments information from Dr. Beth Wuest
- Provost Bourgeois is willing to entertain, on a case-by-case basis, faculty requests to pay subvention publication costs for books and journal articles that departments are not able to support. Requests should be submitted via department chair and college dean.
- Concerns raised regarding proposed referendum to amend Faculty Constitution definition of faculty senator eligibility, including peer review of FDL by NLF
- Off topic, there were also concerns raised about lack of representation of the University College on NLFC and academic program coordinators who are NLF
- Following a summer pilot, a more extensive pilot of proctoring for online courses by ProctorU and Examity will be conducted Fall 2016 and Spring 2017
-Brief discussion of the industry springing up to accommodate the purchase of degrees and credentials
- Fall 2016 graduate and undergraduate enrollment total of approximately 39,000 represent an 8% increase

Concerns from faculty

Brief discussion of inquiry about online office hours with reference to PPS 4.01.24-25

Will be returned to agenda for further discussion and possible action

Commencement duties

Senators are asked to review the calendar of commencement ceremonies with regards to macebearer duties and to select the scheduled commencement that works best for their schedules

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter