

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 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), Shannon Duffy (History)

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

Follow-up items

- Institutional Effectiveness Council Faculty Senate representative vacancy
 - Meets Friday, Sept. 23, 10am to noon
 - Senator White to attend as substitute for Senator Liu
- Committee on Committees Education representative vacancy
 - Endorsement of Steve Furney
- UPPS 07.07.03 Student Employment Procedures review (on TRACS), due Sept. 30
 - Senators Bishop and Smith
- Perceptions of deans survey comments (Sp 16) available until Dec. 12
- Faculty out of class contact hours
 - Draft revision of office hours sent to associate provost

University Research Enhancement Committee guideline revision recommendations

- Extend eligibility to apply as principal investigators to clinical faculty and professor of practice at assistant, associate, and professor ranks
 - Approved
 - Motion recommending that bonus points extended to first time assistant professor applicants also be extended to first time assistant professors of practice and clinical faculty applicants.
 - Not approved
- Clarify that assistant and associate deans are not eligible to apply
 - Approved

Nontenure Line Faculty Committee Sept. 15 report (White)

- Three orientations for new Texas State Nontenure Line Faculty were presented a week before classes started, with approximately 60 NLF attending.
- A workshop was given on the Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release Program and how to apply
- NLF are being recruited to attend Faculty Constitution Referendum Open Forums
 - There is a need to publicize more effectively to the faculty voters

Council of Academic Deans Aug. 23 meeting report (Conroy)

- Equity & Access Annual Update was presented by Dr. Gilda Garcia
 - Information provided about faculty hiring will be available on Equity & Access website:
<http://www.txstate.edu/oea/>
 - Equity & Access will be collecting hiring interview questions
 - Reminder that an applicant for a position who meets minimum requirements and self identifies as a veteran, is automatically advanced to the next step in the process
 - In regard to Title IX violations, Dr. Garcia advised, “When in doubt, report”

- 25% increase in reporting of Title IX violations
- In multiple ranks searches, Equity & Access will ask for different sets of expectations for in job announcements
- Will be watchful for patterns to request expedited searches
- National Survey of Student Engagement 2016 Results presented by Dr. Dann Brown
 - Texas State received good marks
 - We are encouraged to express our appreciation to faculty and staff for their good public service.

University Plan comments (parking)

Topics included sustainability and transportation infrastructure. Senators Bezner and Conroy to draft wording for submission.

Referendum open forum work groups (Sept. 30, 1pm; Oct. 13, 2pm; Nov. 7, 3pm)

- Discussion of data gathered regarding Fall 2015 number of FT Nontenure Line Faculty with 6+ years of service at Texas State who would be eligible for election to Faculty Senate
 - Sept. 30 (JCK 11th Floor) – presentation team: Senators Bishop and Ogletree
 - Oct. 13 (JCK 460 with streaming capability for Round Rock) – presentation team: Senator White
 - Nov. 7 (JCK 11th Floor) – presentation team: Senators Bezner and Garcia
- Possible pros and cons
 - Senator Bishop to bring draft next week
 - Senator Conroy to draft outline for presentation and discussion

Approval of Sept. 14 meeting minutes

Minutes approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter