

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
Wednesday, September 28, 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, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, 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

**Policy reviews**

- UPPS 07.07.06 Salaried Graduate Student Employment Procedures, Oct. 6 (Senators Bowman and Conroy)
- UPPS 02.02.09 E-mail Recruiting of Research Participants, Oct. 5 (Senators Conroy and White)

**Observers for chair/director summative reviews**

Discussion of role of senator as outside observer for chair/director summative review process

- Attend meeting with departmental faculty, chair and dean
- Be available by email, telephone, face-to-face with any faculty member(s) who wish to offer comments anonymously
- Emphasis on serving as additional conduit of information to dean in review of chair/director
- Tentative assignments
  - Criminal Justice (Senator Ledbetter)
  - Management (Senator Sriraman)
  - Clinical Lab Science (Senator Liu)
  - Nursing (Senator Bowman)
  - Geography (Senator Ross-Gordon)
  - Biology (Senator Bishop)
  - Engineering (Senator Ogletree)
- Dean summative review, Applied Arts, Dr. Chahin (Senator Conroy)

**Council of Academic Deans Sept. 27 meeting report (Conroy)**

- The Impact of the Department of Labor's Exempt Salary Increase (Ms. Gaye Korenek)
  - Department of Labor rule has set minimum salary for some classes of employment at \$47,476.00
  - Presidential Cabinet considering one-time funding to address the difference
  - Some reclassification of employees in regard to overtime compensation
  - Implementation planned by Dec. 1
- Fall Preliminary Enrollment Report (Mr. Gary Ray)
  - 77.4% freshman retention rate
  - Request for tracking accepted students who did not enroll at Texas State
  - 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of enrollment growth representing an increase of 2.3% over prior year
- With enrollment growth, it is necessary to find more creative and effective uses of classroom space
- Provost will testify to legislature Sept. 29 about Texas State's Higher Education Appropriations Request

**October Bulletin**

Send suggestions to Senator Bishop

### **Referendum open forum planning**

Discussion of PowerPoint presentation to be used at open forums

- Sept. 30, 1pm (JCK 11<sup>th</sup> Floor) – Senators Bishop and Ogletree
- Oct. 13, 2pm (JCK460 with streaming capability for Round Rock) – Senator White
- Nov. 7, 3pm (JCK 11<sup>th</sup> Floor) – Senators Bezner and Garcia

### **Concerns from faculty**

- Availability of locally sourced food options on campus  
-After much discussion about quality and availability of healthy food options, it was decided to invite VPFSS to visit the senate to discuss criteria for food contracting.
- Time between classes changed from 15 to 10 minutes in 2009  
-Concern raised that ten minutes between classes is not sufficient for faculty and students and causes some classes to end early or to start late

### **Reminders**

- Oct. 5 agenda  
-Parking update from Nancy Nusbaum  
-Academic Computing Committee program revisions  
-Senate goals work group report  
-Suggestions for PAAG items
- Oct. 12 agenda  
-PAAG  
-Planning for full senate meeting (Oct. 19)
- Oct. 19agenda  
-Full senate meeting  
-Piper selection report
- FDL applications received from deans by Oct. 17 and are due to provost Nov. 16

### **Approval of Sept. 21 meeting minutes**

Minutes approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter