**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, October 26, 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

**Senate Fellow:** Andrew Marks

 **Guests**: Selene Hinojosa (Library)

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

**Joint Council of Academic Deans, Council of Chairs and Faculty Senate Oct. 25 meeting report** (Senator Conroy)

* Change time between classes – try to handle situation by adjusting faculty schedules and when students register rather than change time between classes to fifteen minutes
* Nomination process for the Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award – add routing to chair
* Digital Measures update – all cv data has been entered for those faculty members who submitted a cv; faculty who requested full assistance have two weeks from receiving notice to request corrections
* Three-year federal loan default rates – rate of defaults on TXST student loans has lowered
* Student privacy & PPS 4.02.09 – language to be added to include photos as prohibited unless written permission is obtained from class instructor
* ORCID – faculty and graduate students are encouraged to get id # to link their publications to themselves
* Chancellor Fellow position being created to work on student success projects (2 course release, beginning Jan. 1) – must be tenured
* Internal search to replace AVPAA Debbie Thorne – Dec. 1 deadline

**NLFC report** (Senator White)

* Senate suspended its rules to endorse the committee’s recommendations to approve all NLF Workload Release Program applicants
* NLFC recommendations for changes to NLF Workload Release Program publication process, RTA

**Fall semester full senate meeting follow-up**

Faculty concerns reported by senators and senate liaisons

* Panic button for classroom media cabinets - raise with VPIT on Nov. 9
* Academic freedom (faculty handbook statement, NLF contracts)
* Increasing bureaucracy and red tape related to international travel (federal requirements) – raise with VPIT Nov. 9
* Environmental concerns – Environment & Sustainability Committee
* Salary compression and competitive salaries – prioritize equity in senate recommendations for Acad. Affairs Budget
* Campus safety especially on weeknights and weekends – UPD chief
* Bus service (to region or within San Marcos) – Nancy Nusbaum
* Substantial research startup funds for some recent hires have created research expectation challenges for associate professors hired without the same level of support – prioritize in senate recommendations to Acad. Affairs Budget
* Class sizes increasing (in courses for which higher enrollments are inappropriate?) – departmental
* Low participation rates in online course evaluations (devote classtime to responding?) – departmental
* Strategies for recruitment/retention of high achieving NLF – departmental
* Request for shift of custodial work schedules to avoid interference with students and faculty (night shifts are the most difficult to hire) – VPFSS
* Use of NLF as replacements for Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty – PAAG
* Scheduling space for student organization events (addition to student center)
* Food quality and availability – VPFSS
* Resources for Counseling Center – center director or VPSA

**Senate goals**

The Faculty Senate affirms its constitutional purpose with a special commitment in 2016-17 to advancing faculty freedom and dignity, university community health and safety, and effective communication.

**Other**

November Bulletin discussed – send feedback to Senator Bishop

**Approval of Oct. 19 meeting minutes**

Minutes approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter