

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
Wednesday, September 7, 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

**Administrators:** President Denise Trauth, Provost Eugene Bourgeois, Assistant Provost Cynthia Opheim

**Faculty Senate Fellow:** Andrew Marks

**Guests:** Selene Hinojosa and Karen Sigler (Library), Thomas Grimes (Journalism and Mass Communication)

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

**President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG)**

- Progress from ERU to NRU status continues to be positive
  - Institutional endowment must reach \$400 million for two years prior to NRU application
  - High quality faculty reflected by a variety of benchmarks, such as international/national awards, quality of graduate programs reflected by consistently high graduation rates, and 5 well-supported doctoral programs competitive with AAU doctoral programs
  - 50% or more of entering freshmen must be in top 25% of graduating high school class
  - University has a Phi Kappa Phi chapter and is working toward Phi Beta Kappa membership
  - We are working toward university membership in Associated Research Libraries
- Legislative update including discussion of Hazlewood Act and its impact on Texas State, including statistics that reflect that 50% of the 2015 tuition increase went toward offsetting Hazlewood tuition waivers
  - In 2016, \$17.5 million has gone toward Hazlewood tuition waivers
  - Our institution strongly supports veterans with over 50 initiatives and resources
- Faculty retention
  - 3-year average across all Texas State faculty is 97.8%

**PAAG follow-up**

Discussion continued about Hazlewood Legacy implications for Texas State

**Faculty Senate September Bulletin**

Bulletin will be emailed within the week

**Returned to agenda items**

- Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) membership question
  - A motion was made and passed to accept the invitation to join COIA
- Committee vacancies: Equity and Access Committee
  - SE and LA representatives identified; AA representatives still to be named
- Faculty office hours (PPS 4.01.)
  - Existing policy discussed with agreement that the office hours policy should be consistent with teaching load/duties and reflect current technological curriculum delivery systems
  - Senators Bezner, Bishop, Ross-Gordon, and Sriraman will draft suggestions for senate consideration

**Faculty Constitution Amendment Referendum**

Discussion of proposed “Possible Pros” and “Possible Cons” and method of delivery prior to/during open forums, with Senator Bishop to work on consolidation of several points

**Approval of August 31 meeting minutes**

Minutes approved as amended

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter