

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Ted Hindson for 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, Associate Provost Cynthia Opheim

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Selene Hinojosa (Library), Thomas Grimes (Mass Communications)

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

President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG)

- Support for mid-career faculty research
 - Provost Bourgeois will talk with deans to help identify faculty caught in this situation with possible consideration to proposals to help fund new research not accommodated through Research Enhancement Program, Faculty Development Leave or Faculty Development Leave Supplemental Awards
- Planning for composition of the National Research University faculty
 - New faculty lines are linked to new programs or to growth in existing programs
 - No specific formula for Tenure Line Faculty and Nontenure Line Faculty; varies by program
- Dean and chair roles in Faculty Development Leave reviews
 - Reporting process following completion of leave has been tightened up
 - 3 senators on Faculty Development Leave Supplemental Award Committee
 - Input from deans and chairs is extremely helpful

Initiatives in IT, VPIT Ken Pierce

- Migration of email from Outlook to Office 365
 - Migrations will begin during the winter break in December with the goal to be complete by January 13.
 - Smooth transition anticipated with no interruption of service
- Increasing internet capacity across the university
 - Wireless implementation is in process
 - Goal is to increase wireless service to over 90% of all buildings by end of calendar year
- Mono platform classrooms (removal of Macs from media cabinets)
 - Some work has been done
 - No more work planned until feedback from every constituency is gathered
- Car charging stations
 - Issue for VPFSS Eric Algae
- Classroom panic button or alternative hazard alert
 - We have "RAVE Guardian" app
- Searchable university policies (Can Faculty Handbook be included?)
 - UPPS and PPS will be on same site with production in January
 - New numbering system to align UPPS and PPS

FDL supplemental award committee representatives

Senators Bowman (AA), Conroy (FA&C), and White (S&E) were named

Texas State University System Council of Faculty Senates and Texas Council of Faculty Senates Oct. 27 meetings report

TSUS CFS agenda items

- 2017 legislative expectations
- Outcomes-based funding
- Formula funding
- Hazlewood Act funding
- Size of system, construction, TRB

TCFS program

- Title IX – AAUP report on the history of Title IX expansion and impact on higher education
- “Starving the Beast” – documentary produced by Violet Crown Films on case of defunding higher education and politically motivated philanthropy

Approval of November 2 meeting minutes

Minutes approved as amended

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter