

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, November 30, 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, Vince Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Shane Smith, Vedaraman Sriraman, Alex White

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Ruth Welborn (Health Professions), Greg Marshall (Respiratory Care), Chris Russian (Respiratory Care), Francine Pilkington (English), Nicole Taylor (Anthropology), Jessica Pliley (History), Joaquin Rivaya-Martinez (History), Andrew Turner (*University Star*)

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

Information items

- Full Faculty Senate PAAG meeting Wednesday, December 7, 4 pm, Alkek 105-106
Topic: Faculty's role in supporting and safeguarding our university community in light of concerns and reactions to the national election
- PPS 7.22 revisions, new faculty titles added to accommodate Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) rule on overtime
 - Extension Educator
 - Language Educator
 - Teacher Fellow
 - Writer-In-Residence
 - Affiliate Instructor
- University Leadership Assembly meeting December 1, 4 pm, JCK 11th Floor
- History Department Resolution forwarded to Provost Bourgeois
- Faculty Senate statement forwarded to President Trauth

University Curriculum Committee report (Michael Supancic, Mickey Autrey)

- Respiratory Care master's program
 - Senate rules were suspended
 - Motion passed to endorse UCC recommendation

University Research Enhancement Committee report

Funding recommendations from the College Research Enhancement Committees were approved as amended.

Council of Academic Deans (CAD) November 22 meeting report (Conroy)

- African-American Studies Proposal
 - Proposal to add African-American Studies program
 - Dr. Audwin Anderson (Sociology) is in charge of proposal
 - Faculty who are interested in developing the program should contact their dean
- Advising Center Allocations 2016-2017
 - TXST is 10% the accepted number of PACE advisors
 - Funding for PACE comes from Student Success Fee
 - PACE Strategic Plan will address this staffing issue
- Department/school adjustments to M&O funding have been made by the provost's office
 - An additional \$60,000.00 will be divided among the academic college deans
- Increase of foot and bicycle patrols by UPD officers and security guards

-If there are incidents, please notify Provost, as well as UPD

Council of Academic Deans (CAD) November 29 meeting report (Conroy)

- Academic Affairs budget priorities, unchanged
 - Priorities same as last year
 - Will be presented to President's Cabinet
- Translational Health Research Initiative
 - Headed by Melinda Villagran (Comm. Studies)
 - Health Scholar Showcase, Feb. 10, 2017, PAC
 - December 15 deadline for poster entries

Sanctuary campuses petition

President Trauth is currently reviewing information regarding *sanctuary campus* status and pros and cons, including possible legislative funding impact, and is open to input on how to create agenda to go forward

- *Sanctuary* is not a legal term, but a symbolic one
- TXST student petition is asking for six items, of which we are already doing five
- Discussion of other possible initiatives

New Business

- *Starving the Beast* video
 - Senator Luizzi is pursuing possibility of hosting a showing of the film followed by a Question & Answer session
 - Fee for showing the film is \$350.00
- New York Times site license
 - Seeking endorsements from various constituencies, including senate

Faculty Senate December Bulletin

Following discussion, bulletin was approved with revisions

Approval of November 16 meeting minutes

Minutes approved as amended

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter