

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Alkek 105/106, 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, Shane Smith, Vedaraman Sriraman, Alex White

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

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Liaisons: Moonis Ali (Computer Science), Bahram Asiabanpour (Ingram School of Engineering), Sarah Blue (Geography), Carrie Boden-McGill (Occupational, Workforce & Leadership Studies), Ann Burnette (Communication Studies), Hunter Close (Physics), Peter Dedek (Family & Consumer Sciences), Diane Dolezel (Health Information Management), David Falleur (Clinical Laboratory Science), Selin Guney (Agriculture), Catherine Hawkins (Social Work), Ted Hindson (Political Science), Matt Hood (Finance & Economics), Todd Hudnall (Chemistry & Biochemistry), Farzan Irani (Communication Disorders), Gloria Martinez (Sociology), Margaret Menninger (History), John McKiernan-Gonzales (History), Chris Russian (Respiratory Care), Ruth Taylor (Marketing), Richard Warms (Anthropology), Sue Weill (Journalism & Mass Communication)

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

Fall semester full senate meeting, Senators, PAAG and Senate Liaisons

Faculty's role in supporting and safeguarding our university community in light of concerns and reactions to the national election

Presentation by President Trauth on recent campus concerns

- Physical safety
- Emotional safety – report to UPD any threats and any places that are deemed unsafe
- Recommitment to our core values, including our commitment to be a diverse inclusive community
- Intolerance, bigotry and racism are not part of our core values
- Protect freedom of expression
- Faculty allowed and encouraged to follow research agendas/questions wherever it may take them
- Philosophical Dialogues – begun in 1998 – discussions guided by faculty

- What can we do to let faculty know how to deal with issues
 - reminder by President Trauth of core values of Texas State
 - make it a part of interview process
 - Bobcat Paws – say something about core values and living the values

Concerns/Suggestions:

- More surveillance cameras in dorms
- Help students understand safety issue of leaving dorm doors propped open
- Civility of expression – be encouraged through mention of core values in syllabi
- Professor Watchlist – ignore it
- We have to commit to evaluation process and remove political conversations from those processes
- Less lit areas
- Less travelled areas

- DACA – Presidential Order, not a statute
- Sanctuary Campus – petition to declare Texas State a “sanctuary campus”
- Active Shooter Workshops – UPD is willing to come to the departments for training
- Facilitated Dialogues – provide resources of guidelines/rules for civil dialogues in multicultural institution

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter