

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Vince Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Alex White

Guests: Selene Hinojosa (Library), Sgt. Alex Villalobos (UPD), Katie Burrell (*University Star*)

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

Concerns/requests received from faculty members

- Safety concerns, 8:00 – 10:30 pm finals period
 - Registrar and Nancy Nusbaum are checking into these issues
 - Lt. Alexander Villalobos (UPD) will check with registrar to find a way to identify classes that have late evening finals; rooms will need to be locked later
 - Lt. Villalobos indicated the highest density of people on campus is between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm; at those times, patrols have been increased.
- Teaching technologies restrictions (remote mic, laser pointer, video camera)
 - Faculty member indicated that remote mic and slide changer is not provided in a classroom with capacity under 100
 - Dr. Solis is looking into it

AVPAA Vedaraman Sriraman send-off

- Senator Sriraman who has been named AVPAA was congratulated and thanked for his years of dedicated service to the senate

PAAG agenda item suggestions for Feb. 1 meeting

- Status report/clarification on agenda action items
- General legislative update
 - Financial aid “set asides” from general tuition dollars used for financial aid for students in need
 - Comments from Governor and Lt. Governor
- Role of University Ombudsman
 - What are preferred qualities?
 - Ask Dr. Pattison how it may have changed since Grievance Committee has been disbanded; more information on qualifications; no job description in PPS; not a requirement that the person be an attorney, although 3 of the last 4 have been
- Convey to President Trauth the Faculty Senate support for accepting the Scholars at Risk institutional membership invitation

Scholars at Risk institutional membership recommendation

- Discussion of potential obligations to our institution if invitation is accepted and Texas State opts to become a member
 - No obligations except endorsement of Scholars at Risk objectives and affirmation of goals of the organization
 - Designate primary representative to SAR
 - Approximately 444 institutions are members
 - List of Scholars at Risk available for residencies in length up to a year
 - Recommendation that newly formed Academic Freedom Committee be charged with follow-up

Appointments needed

- COSE interim senator appointment
 - Ask Bahram Asiabanpour who is liaison (Ingram School of Engineering)
 - Received second highest vote total in last FS COSE election
- Presidential Award for Service Selection Committee
 - Nomination of Paula Williamson (Biology)
- Summative review observer, Dr. Paula Rechner, Department of Management
 - Initial meeting Fri., Jan. 27, 1:30, McCoy 241 (Senator White)
- University Distinguished Professor Committee COSE representative appointment
 - Senator Dana Garcia unanimously endorsed
- University Curriculum Committee COE representative replacement
 - Meeting Fri., Jan. 27 at 1 pm
 - Carol Delaney nominated for Spring 2017
 - Cynthia Plotts nominated for Fall 2017 – Spring 2018
- Ombudsman Search Committee to include three faculty senators (Senators Bell-Metereau, Shah and Smith)

February Faculty Senate Bulletin items

- Emergency room Health Select policy
- Academic Freedom Committee will be on Committee Preference Survey
- Committee Preference Survey will go out in February
- If Department Chair and School Director Perception Survey has not closed, include reminder
- Dean Perception Survey to come out soon
- Congratulations to Vedaraman Sriraman as newly appointed AVPAA

Policy reviewers needed

- UPPS 05.06.02 Travel Policies Regarding Campus Representative Organizations, Feb. 3 (Senator Ogletree)
- UPPS 02.02.05 Animal Care and Use Policy, Feb. 1 (Senator Garcia)

Information and follow-up items

- Plan for Handbook Committee (Convene every 5 years to conduct a review?)
 - Discussion of feasibility of coordinating committee review with SACS assessment timeline
 - If changed, term for committee members will need to be modified for committee preference survey instrument
 - Tabled for further information from Dr. Pattison
- Senate brochure revision
 - Returned to agenda
- *Starving the Beast* film and dialogue, Thurs., Jan. 26, 2 pm and 5 pm, Comal 116
 - Dialogues following film to be moderated and facilitated
- FDL Supplemental Award recipients

Chen, Heping	Engineering
Wright, Maia J	Art and Design
Scheuermann, Brenda K	Curriculum and Instruction
Myers, Thomas H	Physics
Ameri, Farhad	Engineering Technology
Pliley, Jessica R	History
Song, In-Hyouk	Engineering Technology
Suh, Taewon	Marketing
Tamir, Dan	Computer Science

Helgeson, Jeffrey L

History

- TSUS Council of Faculty Senates and Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting representatives, Feb. 24, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
 - In Austin
 - Program not yet posted
 - Senator Bell-Metereau volunteered

Feb. 1 agenda item

- Nontenure Line Faculty Committee report (Senator White)

Feb. 8 agenda item

- Research presentation (Senate Fellow Andrew Marks)
- Academic Freedom Committee work group report (Senator Luizzi)

Approval of January 18 meeting minutes

Minutes approved as amended

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter