

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Bahram Asiabanpour, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Elizabeth Bishop, Michel Conroy, Dana García, Lynn Ledbetter, Ting Liu, Vince Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Shane Smith, Alex White

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Associate Provost Debbie Thorne, Cindy Waggoner (Budget Analyst), Katie Burrell
(*University Star*)

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

VPRFR Walt Horton

General discussion of the evolution of TX State and human subject research; specific emphasis on the role of IRB and how important it is for the continuation of research while protecting both the human subjects and the integrity of the research.

- IRB human subjects approval process
 - Exempted review studies involve no risk or minimal risk and must meet certain criteria, such as anonymity
 - Researchers cannot determine if their studies meet criteria for exemption
 - Currently all IRB requests are being routed by administrator to at least one IRB board member before they can be categorized as exempt, expedited or full board review, so that institution remains in compliance.
 - Expedited review involves minimal risk
 - Aim is for approximately 26 days from submission to approval for exempt and expedited reviews
 - Full board review involves anything more than minimal risk or protected categories of individuals
 - Continuations should have quicker turnaround if no change in research protocol
- UPPS 03.04.05 distribution of indirect costs
 - Informal review – soliciting comments; formal review to follow
- Restructuring of the research support offices – reorganization chart to follow by email
 - Better communication on status of applications

Senate Fellow research report, Andrew Marks

Presentation on integrating NLF into shared governance.

- Most valuable asset at educational institutions is faculty because they are constantly renewed and regenerated.
- Shared governance requires open communication with respect and trust.
- No empirical data yet, but there is a perception that increase in hiring of NLF diminishes shared governance.
- Faculty Senates in Texas average about 40-50 in number, usually with number of seats equal to proportional representation based on faculty size per unit.
- If there is an Executive Committee of a faculty senate, it will typically meet weekly with the full senate meeting once or twice during a long semester.
- The TX State faculty senate's biggest strengths are PAAG and NLFC dialogues with Provost and Associate Provost in January.

President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG) agenda items

- Legislative update
- Hiring freeze update

- Update on number of graduate students and faculty affected by immigration status
- TX State as Hispanic Serving Institution
- Other questions to be suggested by email

Faculty Senate standing rules revision

Discussion of proposed revisions regarding election of officers procedure – returned to agenda with other revisions to be circulated by email

Policy review request

- UPPS 04.02.01 Obtaining Technology Resources' Systems and Services, Feb. 28 (Senator Shah)
- AAPPS 02.02.12 (PPS 2.15) Memorandums of Understanding, Articulate Agreements and Transfer Planning Guides, March 1 (Senator Ogletree)

Follow-up item

- Ombudsman title change and revision to PPS
 - Faculty Ombudsman
 - New comprehensive and searchable policy page launched Feb. 20 replacing the PPS index on Provost's web site: <http://policies.txstate.edu/division-policies/academic-affairs.html>

Approval of Feb. 15 meeting minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:57 PM

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter