

Faculty Senate Minutes
Joint Faculty Senate and Council of Academic Deans
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
JCK 11th Floor, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Bahram Asiabanpour, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Elizabeth Bishop, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Vince Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Shane Smith, Alex White

Administrators: Provost Bourgeois, Associate Provost Thorne; Eric Algoe, Elizabeth Erhart, Ronald Brown, Gary Ray, Edna Rehbein, Beth Wuest

Deans: Daniel Brown, University College; Stan Carpenter, College of Education; Jaime Chahin, College of Applied Arts; William Chittenden, McCoy College of Business Administration; John Fleming, College of Fine Arts and Communication; Heather Galloway, Honors College; Andrea Golato, The Graduate College; Christine Hailey, College of Science and Engineering; Michael Hennessy, College of Liberal Arts; Ruth Welborn, College of Health Professions

Guests: Selene Hinojosa (Library), Alejandro Mejia (Wildlife Biology), Katie Burrell, *University Star*

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Provost Bourgeois

Faculty Presentation (VPFSS Eric Algoe)

Presentation on Campus Safety

- Facilities
 - Lighting – Third Party Campus-Wide Lighting Study is being contracted and will include a comprehensive study of campus lighting
 - Campus Lighting Committee conducts a safety walk each semester to evaluate
 - Landscape – Identification of dedicated pedestrian corridors; aggressive tree trimming around lights; addressing shrubs that create hiding opportunities
 - Building Access – Adding card swipe access to exit doors and upgrading classroom locks
- Presence – 3 full-time police officers have been added; walking and bike patrols increased; adding security guards for evenings
- Services
 - Rave Mobile Guardian app
 - Social Sentinel allows us to use geofencing to look at social media postings
 - Transportation Services Real-Time Bus Tracking
 - Increased nighttime bus services; later bus service during exam periods; increased availability of Bobcat Bobbies
 - Emergency Notifications – upgrading weather monitoring systems

Fall 2017 Step up for State Campaign (Dan Perry and Wes Clark)

Based on the success of the inaugural Step Up For State “day of giving” in fall 2016, University Advancement will be repeating the fundraising event in fall 2017.

- Will again identify a broad range of projects that appeal to our diverse audience of potential donors
- Will gather stories and other content to use in showcasing the impact generated through the fundraising event

Faculty Senate Observers for Chair Summative Reviews (Vice-Chair White)

General report and follow-up discussion about faculty senators serving as impartial observers in chair summative reviews

- General agreement among deans that system is working well
- Suggestion was made to allow staff to have a voice in the process and that they be allowed to contact the senate observer if they wish

Role of College Review Group in P & T Process (Senator Bezner)

Some concern expressed that chairs are included in college review group as well as evaluating faculty member separately. Discussion followed indicating that the process has been reviewed before due to similar concerns, but that it seems to be working well.

Green Cat Challenge Awards (Senator Bell-Metereau)

Presentation of Green Cat Challenge Awards as a way to recognize and encourage sustained commitment to the environment through research, curriculum development, programs, services, activities, everyday habits within the workplace, and new initiatives.

Washington Post Article (Senator Bell-Metereau)

General discussion of recent posting of inappropriate flyers.

Undergraduate Admissions Report (Mr. Gary Ray)

- Over 31,000 freshman applications for Fall 2017, representing an increase of 4.9% from Fall 2016 Applications that were received by this date in 2015
-16,636 acceptances for Fall 2017, representing an increase of 11.7% from acceptances for Fall 2016
- 3,370 transfer student applications thus far for Fall 2017, representing an increase of 4.9% from transfer student applications for Fall 2016 by this date
-1,840 transfer student acceptances for Fall 2017, representing a decrease of 18.5% from transfer student acceptances for Fall 2016 that were received at this time last year

Graduate Admissions Report (Dr. Andrea Golato)

- Reminder about Merit Fellowships in the amount of \$9,000.00 for doctoral students and \$2,500.00 for master's students.

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JCK 880, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Senate Standing Rules revisions; final version from work group, approval vote

- After presentation of work group revisions by Vice-Chair White and Senator Bezner, discussion centered around FDL review process, secret ballot for election of officers, and several changes from “shall” to “will”. Motion was made and unanimously approved to accept revisions to Senate Standing Rules.
- Motion was made to include a parliamentarian as a senate officer. Motion failed.

Policy review requests

- UPPS 04.03.01 Audits and Analysis, past due (Senator Shah)
- UPPS 03.02.05 Higher Education Funds, March 28 (Senator White)
- UPPS 05.02.02 Texas State Purchasing Policy, March 30 (Senator Smith)
- UPPS 04.04.15 New Employee Orientation, March 30 (Senator Ogletree)
- AAPPS 02.01.01 (PPS 2.01) Academic Credit Courses: Additions, Changes, and Deletions,

- UPPS 07.08.02 March 31 (Senators Bishop and Ross-Gordon)
Voluntary Withdrawal of Students from the University (already reviewed)

Concerns from faculty

Discussion of UPPS 01.04.05 Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 (effective 1/2/17);
returned to agenda

Approval of March 8 meeting minutes

- Postponed pending revisions from chair

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter