

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Lynn Ledbetter, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Shane Smith, Alex White

Guests: Roger Colombik (Art), Karen Sigler (Library), Katie Burrell (*University Star*)

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

Senate business items

- Reminders
 - Part-time teaching award applications, due March 10
 - Deadline extended to March 23
 - Senate Fellow call for submissions, due March 15
 - Senate elections in FA&C, McCoy College, Education, Liberal Arts, and Science and Engineering
 - Voting begins March 20
 - Committee preference survey, closes March 24
 - Perceptions of administrators survey, closes March 31
- Procedure for election of Faculty Senate officers
 - Senate voted in favor of continuing to hold officer elections during last meeting of spring semester
 - Senate voted to encourage incoming senators attend senate meetings following their election and prior to last meeting of spring semester when they are officially seated as senators
 - Senate voted to communicate to incoming senators that the officers will be elected at the last meeting of the spring semester and that if they choose to, they may have their name removed from the ballot for any or all officer positions
- Senate budget
 - Discussion of budget overview
 - \$2,744.00 in funds for senate's M&O account per year from Provost
 - Expenses include TCFS dues and conference registration, copier rent, supplies, and miscellaneous expenses.
 - Senate is responsible for the University Lecturers account which is funded from student services fees. If funded awardees don't spend the awarded amount, this generally rolls over, but it is at the discretion of the VP of Student Affairs.
- Memorial gift
 - Discussion of gift as memorial to "Ev" Swinney

Joint FS/CAD meeting discussion items for March 22

- Request for input from deans regarding effectiveness of senators assisting in summative review of chairs
- Possible discussion of development of student/faculty/staff fellowship(s) to assist in putting forth the Environment and Sustainability agenda
- Discussion of college review group representation from departments

University Lecturers Committee report, Prof. Roger Colombik

- Low number of proposals, even though there was good notification across campus
 - Discussion of various approaches, amounts of individual awards, deadlines for proposals, review timeline

-Attempts made to encourage more student-based organizations to submit proposals process thereby giving them the experience of hosting speakers

- Total awards made of \$21, 382.82 for 2017-2018
- Designed so that new faculty can participate immediately in proposing lecturers
- Student membership on committee viewed positively
- Supplemental round utilizes funds not used by awardees or funds carried over from earlier award cycles
- Short turnaround on review
- Senate voted unanimously to endorse recommendations for funding from University Lecturers Committee
- Procedural recommendations discussion returned to agenda

Policy review requests

- UPPS 08.03.04 Public Art and Memorials March 10 (Senator Conroy)
- UPPS 05.01.02 University Surplus Property March 10 (Senator Bell-Metereau)

Concerns from faculty

- Discussion of process for notification of graduate applicants who are not accepted to TXST

Approval of March 1 meeting minutes

Minutes approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter