

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

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

Guests: Micky Autry (Curriculum Services), Beth Erhart (Anthropology), Michael Hennessey (CLA), Vedaraman Sriraman (AVPAA), Michael Supancic (University Curriculum Committee), Selene Hinojosa (Library), Katie Burrell (*University Star*)

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

Faculty Development Leave program review committee

- Language added to PPS to clarify requesting a change of leave period from the provost. Allowed justifications are illness or other extenuating circumstances; change of leave project is not allowed.
- Program review committee scheduled summer 2017
 - Senators Ogletree and White will participate; Senator Bell-Metereau will serve as alternate

PAAG agenda item suggestions for April 5 meeting

- General legislative update
 - Some cuts to higher education are anticipated; is the cabinet considering plans for implementation of potential cutbacks?
- Relationship between growth of number of students and programs, space and resources
 - What are plans for management of growth?
- Request for faculty input on review of non-academic divisions
- Interior safety issues

Concerns from faculty

- Vandalism at Jowers
 - 13 vandalisms in HHP department between Jan. 2016 and Feb. 2017
 - Department requested security cameras in Jowers that were not approved
- Library acquisitions formula revision
 - Under the new model, departmental allocations will be used only for one-time resources like books, DVDs, kits, and models. The new model includes minimum and maximum allocations, which are set at \$5,000 minimum and \$40,000 maximum for the first year. There will be a separate “adjustments fund” so that subject librarians can apply for additional funding to meet special needs.
- IT problems such as email merge to MS365; issues with slow or no connectivity; increased security harming productivity; less responsiveness from staff
 - Suggestion that the VPIT be evaluated annually by faculty

University Curriculum Committee report, Anthropology PhD (Michael Supanic, Chair)

- Report of general success of Curriculum Information Management System
 - 665 proposed new course changes submitted
 - 81 additions; 87 deletions; all approved
- Anthropology PhD unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by senate

UPPS 01.04.05 Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 – returned to agenda

Senate Fellow

- No applications
- Discussion of better roll out requesting applications
- Biennial rather than annual?

Part-time teaching awards

- 4 applications
- Chair Conroy to bring up Part-time Teaching Award at Council of Chairs

Other

- Discussion of request for senators to have more input on senate agendas with faster turnaround

Approval of March 8 and March 22 meeting minutes

- March 8 meeting minutes approved
- March 2 meeting minutes approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter