

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Attending**

**Senators:** Bahram Asiabanpour, 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:** Ken Pierce (VPIT), Carlos Solis (AVPIT), Micky Autrey (Curriculum Services), Michael Supancic (University Curriculum Committee), Marla Erbin-Roesemann (St. David's School of Nursing), Pam Willson (St. David's School of Nursing), Duane Knudson (HHP), Jo An Zimmermann (HHP), Selene Hinojosa (Library), Katie Burrell (*University Star*), Ashley Howard (Journalism)

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

**Faculty IT concerns** (VPIT Ken Pierce and AVPIT Carlos Solis)

A variety of concerns were voice and discussed, including slow connectivity, software purchase and restrictions, research difficulties with SPSS, issues with SAP, and future of TRACS

- SAP works best in Firefox
- An evaluation of university business programs, including SAP and Banner, is proposed in the new IT strategic plan
- It is not possible to accommodate software version preferences for everyone, but IT is working to establish a set of programs that are affordable and that work best for the majority of users.
- Long turn-around time for IRB approval of software purchases, especially verifying ADA compliance hinders researchers
- Working to consolidate video-conferencing tools
- IT is investigating other options for meetings and professional research collaboration via video-conferencing
- If there is a problem with ITAC, ask to speak to a supervisor ("escalate it to the next level")
- If Office 365 is not as good or better than previous system, let IT know

**The future of TRACS**

Currently investigating options to TRACS, which is becoming outdated

- When best program is selected for replacement of TRACS, there will be an extensive pilot program
- TRACS will run concurrently while new system is in initial phases of implementation
- When TRACS is retired, course material retrieval will still be possible by request

- IT will survey faculty to determine what we value in a digital learning environment

**University Curriculum Committee report** (Michael Supancic, Chair)

- New degree proposal: Master of Science in Nursing major in Leadership and Administration in Nursing to be offered via distance education
- Program change: Bachelor of Science in Recreational Administration
- The senate suspended its rules to vote on these changes and both were unanimously endorsed by the senate

**Proposal to revise UPPS 04.04.37, Diversity Awards**

- Concern was raised that wording of this UPPS does not provide for the inclusion of disability as a diverse population
- Motion was made and passed to recommend early review of UPPS 04.04.37

-Discussion of definition of diversity and ideas for more consistent wording throughout various policy statements

**Around the table**

- Concerns regarding efficiency of Central Receiving
  - Often, orders are placed with companies and expedited delivery is requested and paid for, but deliveries are not made to departments in a timely fashion. VPFSS Algae has been made aware of these problems.
- Concern about SPSS preparation of faculty computers prior to start of research activities in order to facilitate the process

**Approval of April 5 meeting minutes**

- Approval of minutes postponed pending chair revisions

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter