

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, April 19, 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, Vince Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Shane Smith, Alex White

Guests: Oren Renick (Chair, Academic Governance Committee), Selene Hinojosa (Library), Karen Sigler (Library), Ben Martin (Chemistry), David Nolan (JMC), Katie Burrell (*University Star*)

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

Committee assignments

Senate broke into college groups to review Committee Preference Survey results and discuss committee assignment recommendations

- Individuals identified for possible committee assignments to be contacted prior to senate endorsement of recommendations to confirm willingness to serve
- Brief discussion of role of Committee on Committees in recommending faculty for committee assignments
 - HR sent out Committee Preference Survey to faculty later than usual this year
 - Committee on Committee was not able to complete their process in the time permitted

Academic Governance Committee report (Oren Renick, Chair)

Report on Academic Governance Committee project using data from Perception of Academic Deans Performance survey from 2014-2017 (2017 survey to be concluded by early May)

- Would like to conduct an abbreviated survey of faculty in Fall 2017 that will employ qualitative and quantitative responses to aid in identifying patterns and characteristics reflective of best practices and to capture baseline
 - This proposed survey requires the approval of the University Survey Committee
 - Committee chair will seek survey approval to be made this semester

Policy review requests

- UPPS 04.04.61 Mother-Friendly Worksite Program, due May 5 (Senator Ogletree)
- UPPS 01.04.06 Legal Resources for Advisors to Student Organizations, due May 3 (Senator Bishop)
- AA/PPS 02.03.01 (PPS 4.01) Conduct and Planning of Courses, due May 3 (Senators Ledbetter and Ross-Gordon)
- UPPS 04.04.33 Recognition Programs (staff), due April 28 (Senator Conroy)
- UPPS 05.03.11 Wireless Cellular Communication Services, due April 28 (Senator Bell-Metereau)
- AA/PPS 03.02.01 Accreditation Costs, due May 1 (Senator Bezner)

Information items

- Diversity definition follow-up
 - Gilda Garcia (Chief Diversity Officer & Director, Equity & Access) and Debbie Thorne (AVPAA) were contacted for clarification of definition of diversity as it applied to Diversity Awards program
 - Chair Conroy to meet with Dr. Garcia to discuss this and will report back to senate
- Presidential Award for Teaching and faculty titles
 - Question has been raised about where to include newer faculty titles in categories already delineated (i.e. Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor)

- New senators will be seated May 3
- May 10 meeting to complete committee appointments and elect officers
- Question arose about whether senate should appoint vice-chair of University Curriculum Committee
-This can be done following endorsement of appointment recommendations
- Request for more information on change in funding formula for Library Acquisitions
-Selene Hinojosa (Library) to send electronic attachment of details regarding new funding formula
-Joan Heath and Ginger Williams will visit with the senate next week

May Bulletin item suggestions

- Promotion and tenure outcomes (will need to delay Bulletin until after May 3 PAAG)
- Return to Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Reminder of Fall '17 submissions dates (Piper, FDL, REP, NFLWR)
- Brief annual summary of senate accomplishments

Next week's agenda

- Scholarly Communication Team report data repository report
- At-large appointment and appointment wrap up
- PAAG agenda items
- Senators asked to bring forward suggestions for May 3 PAAG
- Environment and Sustainability Committee report (Senator Bell-Metereau)
- NLF Committee report on Part-time Teaching Award (Senator White)

PAAG item suggestions for May 3

- P&T cycle impressions
- Faculty request for input on evaluation of administrators in other divisions
- Can the Wittliff acquisition be revealed?
-Edward S. Curtis "Treasures of The North American Indian" photographic exhibit currently on display until December 3, 2017 as part of the Witliff Collection

Approval of April 5 meeting minutes

- Minutes unanimously approved

Approval of April 12 meeting minutes

- Minutes unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter