

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

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

Guests: Julio Dix (Chair, Library Committee), Associate VP and Univ. Librarian Joan Heath, Ginger Williams (Library), Dianne E. Morganti, Stephanie Towery (Library), Selene Hinojosa (Library), Karen Sigler (Library), Ben Martin (Chemistry), David Nolan (JMC), Diego Vacaflores Rivero (McCoy College of Business), Katie Burrell (*University Star*)

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

Faculty Senate election results

Senator-elect Diego Vacaflores introduced

Scholarly Communication Team report data repository report (Dianne E. Morganti)

Presentation and discussion regarding the requirement of many federal agencies that funded research must be made available to other researchers

- Texas Data Repository is an online open data repository to support the sharing of data for universities in Texas
 - Not limited to federally funded research
 - If not compelled to post data, researchers can customize who can access their files
 - Supports all file formats
 - Limited to 10 gigs per project, with larger data files still supported through IT
 - Full user guide with quick start guide
 - Developing training videos

Library acquisitions policy (Joan Heath and Ginger Williams)

Presentation on new library acquisition policy and formula

- Last acquisition policy model has been in place since 1996 when majority of materials included print, journal subscriptions and older formatted audio-visual materials
 - Revisions of 1996 policy have not worked well enough
- New policy will include review of subscriptions, money to departments for one-time orders, and an allocation adjustment fund
 - There will be an opportunity to request additional one-time funding, with departments going through their subject librarians to make request to Lisa Ancelet (Administrative Librarian)
 - There will continue to be target dates for spending of funds
 - Proposal for \$1.2 million in department allocations for 2017-18 library budget that will provide \$5000 minimum and up to \$40,000 maximum for departments, with a median of about \$27,000.
 - NY Times site license for 2-year pilot program is part of proposed library budget for 2017-18
- Inter-library loans
 - First 5 articles from a current issue are free, except for staff time to process
 - After that, there is a range of fees from \$25 to \$103 depending on the publisher.
- By 2021-22, Texas State wants to be in a position to be invited to become a member of the Association of Research Libraries

Part-time faculty awards (Senator White)

- Increasingly fewer applications each year since awards were introduced in 2013

- Discussion of how to encourage more applications
- New requirement of a letter of support from a full-time faculty member
- NLFC recommendations of recipients of Part-time Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards endorsed unanimously by senate
- UPPS 01.04.06 Legal Resources for Advisors to Student Organizations, due May 3 (Senator Bishop)

PAAG discussion items

- P & T cycle impressions
- Request for faculty input on evaluation of offices and services in other divisions
 - Discussion of what is best manner to solicit faculty input regarding non-academic divisions and their service to the university community
- Cancelling classes due to weather
 - Discussion of the process through which classes are cancelled due to weather issues with particular emphasis on notifications of faculty/staff/students
- Federal legislative update

May Bulletin

- Promotion and tenure outcomes (will need to delay Bulletin until after May 3 PAAG)
- Return to Blue Cross/Blue Shield
 - When the contract with United Healthcare expires, the Texas Employees Group Benefits Program will return to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Specifics on the contract have not yet been finalized.
- Reminder of Fall '17 submissions dates
 - Faculty Development Leave: submission portal open September 1 – October 2
 - Piper Professor Award: submissions due October 2
 - Research Enhancement Program (REP): submissions due October 9
 - Nontenure Faculty Line Workload Release: application portal open August 31 – October 9
- Faculty Senate 2016-17 highlights (Senator Bezner)
 - Discussion of several specific initiatives that were realized this term

Green Cat Challenge report (Senator Bell-Metereau)

Brief presentation by Senator Bell-Metereau indicating great success with Green Cat Challenge this year. More details to follow.

Next week's agenda

- First hour: PAAG
- Second hour: At-large committee appointments

May 10 agenda

- Election of officers
- Summer meetings schedule
- Bulletin team
- Other

Approval of April 19 meeting minutes

- Minutes unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbet