

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018  
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Attending**

**Senators:** Augustine Agwuele; Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Natalie Ceballos, Michel Conroy (via conference call), Rachel Davenport, Jesse Gainer, Lynn Ledbetter, Vince Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, David Nolan, Michael Supancic, Diego Vacaflores, Alex White.

**Guests:** Selene Hinojosa (Library).

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Senate Chair White

**Election of officers**

Senators were elected to the following officer positions:

- Faculty Senate Chair: Alex White (continuing)
- Faculty Senate Vice Chair: Janet Bezner (continuing)
- Faculty Senate Secretary: Natalie Ceballos

**Summer meeting times**

Faculty Senate meeting times for Summer 2018 and the first meeting of the Fall 2018 semester:

- June 20, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, JCK 880
- July 18th, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, JCK 880
- Aug 29th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. JCK 880

Send discussion items for the Summer 2018 agenda to Senate Chair White.

**Policy reviews**

Senate Chair White explained the policy review process for new senators. Policy reviews were assigned to the following senators:

- Due May 9
  - 04.04.40 Disciplining and Terminating Staff (Senator White).
- Due May 10
  - UPPS 04.04.53 Honors and Benefits for Retired Faculty (Senator White).
  - UPPS 04.04.32 Texas State Employee Wellness Program (Senator Bezner).
- Due May 11
  - AA/PPS 02.02.11 Transfer and Award of Academic Credit (Senator White).
  - UPPS 04.04.16 Overtime and Compensatory Time Policy (Senator Gainer).
- Due May 17
  - UPPS 03.01.14 SAP Financial Accounting System Access Privileges (Senator Vacaflores).
- Due May 18
  - AA/PPS 04.01.30 Nomination and Evaluation Procedures of Graduate Faculty (Senator Martin).

### **Changes to standing rules**

The senate discussed adding new wording to the standing rules and the updated wording in [AA/PPS 01.02.31 Council of Chairs](#).

- The new wording in AA/PPS 01.02.31 Council of Chairs includes:
  - Except for specifically designated closed sessions, a Faculty Senate appointed liaison will be invited to attend and observe council meetings.
- Suggested wording change in [Senate Standing Rules Article III](#):
  1. Except for specifically designated closed sessions, a Council of Chairs appointed liaison will be invited to attend and observe Faculty Senate meetings.
  2. Except for specifically designated closed sessions, a Council of Chairs appointed liaison and a Staff Council liaison will be invited to attend and observe Faculty Senate meetings.

After discussion the senate decided to change the word “liaison” to “representative.” The senate voted unanimously to use the wording in item 2 above with the following wording:

- Except for specifically designated closed sessions, a Council of Chairs appointed representative and a Staff Council representative will be invited to attend and observe Faculty Senate meetings.

### **Approval of minutes**

The May 2, 2018, minutes will be approved via e-mail in the coming week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by David Nolan