

Faculty Senate Minutes, Wednesday, November 14, 2018

JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner (by phone), Natalie Ceballos, Michel Conroy, Rachel Davenport, Ting Liu, Vince Luizzi, Ben Martin, David Nolan, Michael Supancic, Diego Vacaflores, Alex White

Guests: Selene Hinojosa, Malarie Ohrabka, Araceli Ortiz

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

Council of Academic Deans (CAD): Senator White reported on the recent CAD meeting.

- The university's budget priorities remain unchanged.
- During the Alkek renovations, the dedicated interactive television (ITV) teaching rooms that use codec technology will be replaced with "Zoom rooms" that will use distributed learning platforms. These changes are scheduled to occur in the summer of 2019, and training opportunities will be available for those who want to learn how to use the new technology.
- IT staff will no longer be available to help with exams (printing, proctoring, collecting) for ITV classes between the main campus and Round Rock.
- Documentation of teachers of record for the upcoming SACS review will be accomplished using the Faculty Qualifications / Digital Measures system. All doctoral students, as well as any master's students who are teachers of record, will be required to enter their information into Digital Measures.

Follow-up Activities Inspired by the Full Senate Meeting: As a follow-up to the successful group breakout session from the Full Senate meeting on October 17th, Senate Fellow Dr. Araceli Ortiz will host one or more gatherings during the spring semester, at which faculty will discuss best practices for creating a diverse and inclusive university community. Senators and Liaisons are encouraged to attend and to bring their colleagues. These events will provide opportunities for interested faculty to share ideas and potentially to create future collaborations. Senator White will work with Dr. Ortiz to establish dates and locations for these events.

Solutions for Virtual Meetings with the Round Rock Campus: Next week, Senator White will meet with Mr. Ken Pierce (Vice President, Information Technology) to talk about solutions for virtual meetings with the Round Rock campus and with remote locations in general.

Future Agenda Items for the Fall Semester: Senators discussed potential topics for the remaining faculty senate meetings in the fall semester. There will be no meeting on November 21st. On November 28th, the faculty senate will hear reports from the University Curriculum Committee and the Nontenure Line Faculty Committee. On December 5th, the faculty senate will be visited by the President's Academic Advisory Group and will discuss voter lists, as well as grant review results from the Research Enhancement Program.

Call for Senate Fellow Applications: Senators viewed a draft of last year's call and suggested changes. Senator White and Senator Conroy will work on a draft, and they will email the final version to the other senators for approval. The tentative due date for Senate Fellow applications is March 25, 2019 with notification of selection on April 12, 2019. The Senate Fellow appointment will begin on September 1, 2019 and will end on August 31, 2020.

Staff Council Communication: Senators discussed a proposed letter from the Staff Council to Mr. Eric Algoe (Vice President, Finance and Support Services). The faculty senate agreed to draft a letter supporting the Staff

Council's message and encouraging Mr. Algoe to continue his efforts toward greater transparency and open communication with university staff.

Academic Freedom Committee (AFC): Senator Luizzi presented recommendations from the AFC.

- The AFC recommended revisions to the Conduct of Classes policy, AA/PPS No. 02.03.02 (4.02), <https://policies.txstate.edu/division-policies/academic-affairs/02-03-02.html>. These revisions centered on electronic communications and the fact that conduct of classes in the twenty-first century is no longer restricted to a specific delivery mode, time, and location. The faculty senate will incorporate these revisions during the next review of the Conduct of Classes policy.
- Dr. Luizzi distributed a handout from the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). The handout included an article entitled *Faculty Rights in the Classroom* (<https://www.aaup.org/article/faculty-rights-classroom#.W-3XcTFReUk>) and the AAUP's 1940 *Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure* (<https://www.aaup.org/report/1940-statement-principles-academic-freedom-and-tenure>). Senators agreed that the faculty senate should formally endorse specific components of the AAUP's 1940 *Statement* (i.e., item two of the Academic Freedom section). This endorsement will be posted on the faculty senate website and in the senate bulletin.

Policy Reviews

- Senator Liu will review UPPS 04.04.43 Worker's Compensation, which is due on November 27th.
- Senator Vacaflares will review AA/PPS 01.02.33 Gen Ed Council, which is due on November 19th.

Minutes from the November 7th senate meeting were approved with minor changes.

6 pm Adjournment by Chair Alex White

Minutes submitted by Natalie Ceballos, Secretary