

Faculty Senate Minutes, Wednesday, February 20, 2019

JCK 1100, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Natalie Ceballos, Michel Conroy, Rachel Davenport, Jesse Gainer, Ting Liu, Vince Luizzi, Ben Martin, David Nolan, Michael Supancic, Diego Vacaflones, Alex White

Liaisons: Semih Aslan, Kim Belcik, Kyong Hee Chee, Hunter Close, Celeste Domsch, Asha Hegde, Luis Intersimone, James Keefe, Yoo Jae Kim, Omar Lopez, Craig Miller, Sherri Mora, Jim Price, Robert Rutledge, Pratheesh Sudhakaran, Megan Trad

Guests: Selene Hinojosa, Malarie Ohrabka

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

The first hour of the meeting included the full senate. Senators and liaisons were grouped by college for table discussions. Next, a representative from each college provided the university-wide group with an oral summary of their college's discussion. A written synopsis will be distributed to senators and liaisons via email. Topics included the following.

- The evolution of the role of the senate liaison. For the last several years, the senate has discussed different avenues to increase participation of senate liaisons in the senate's mission of shared governance without increasing the service burden too greatly. Senators and liaisons shared their thoughts on this effort.
- Input on policies. The faculty senate has been discussing a more proactive posture regarding policies that affect faculty and undergo major revisions. Senators and liaisons considered methods for gauging faculty sentiment when a policy (or a policy revision) is controversial.
- Recruiting for Committees. Each table was presented with a college-specific spreadsheet listing the expected vacancies in senate committees for the upcoming year. Senators and liaisons were encouraged to reach out to colleagues who are especially qualified for particular committees, to ask that they consider serving, and to request that they complete the committee preference survey.
- Faculty Concerns. Senators and liaisons were encouraged to poll their colleagues about their concerns and to encourage colleagues to use the Contact the Faculty Senate web form (<https://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/contact/contact-us.html>).

The second half of the meeting included senators only.

Report from Texas State University System Senate Meeting. The recent TSUS Senate meeting included a legislative update and a discussion of issues such as appropriation for formula funding, parity for funding two-year colleges in the system (versus community colleges), and the state's contribution for health care costs. TSUS representatives also discussed proposed bills favoring higher education in Texas.

Policies

- Senator Davenport will review UPPS 07.07.01 Satisfactory Academic Progress, due 2/28.
- Senator White will review UPPS 05.02.02 Texas State Purchasing, due 3/1.
- Senator Nolan will review UPPS 03.04.04 Processing, Approving and Executing Contracts, due 3/1.
- Senator Supancic will review UPPS 04.01.02 Information Resources Identity and Access Management, due 3/9.
- Senator Bezner will review UPPS 03.05.02 Use and Release of Donor Constituent Information, due 3/11.

Minutes from the February 13 meeting were approved pending minor changes.

Upcoming Events

- Strengthening Community through Faculty Diversity, Friday, February 22, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Jones Faculty Dining Room.
- Joint CAD and Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday, March 27th from 3:30 – 5:00. Reed Parr Room.

6:03 pm Adjournment by Chair Alex White

Minutes submitted by Natalie Ceballos, Secretary