

Faculty Senate Minutes, Wednesday, February 27, 2019

JCK 880, 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, Lynn Ledbetter, Vince Luizzi, Ben Martin, Dave Nolan, Diego Vacaflares, Alex White

Guests: Laurie Clouse, Selene Hinojosa, Garry White

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

Possible PAAG Agenda Items. Senators considered a number of potential agenda items for the upcoming President's Academic Advisory Group meeting. Focus was narrowed to three topics: the fellowship policy revision and its broader implications for university operations, the role of the Academic Computing Committee in funding new versus continuing applications, and plans for the 60th Senate party.

Chief Clouse, University Police Department. Chief Clouse discussed her vision and five-year goals for the UPD. She also mentioned various initiatives to enhance campus engagement with the UPD, including "Coffee with a Cop" and "Safety Walk" activities. Chief Clouse encouraged faculty to contact her via email (laurieclouse@txstate.edu) if they are interested in having her visit their department to discuss any issues. Next, Chief Clouse fielded questions from senators, which touched on the following topics:

- the accreditation process for the UPD
- resources available to hire new police officers
- strategies for increasing the diversity of the UPD applicant pool
- plans to improve the Bobcat Bobbies program
- dealing with cyber-harassment
- transporting students to the student health center
- procedure for recognizing outstanding police officers (<https://www.police.txstate.edu/contact-us/compliment-an-officer.html>)

Report from Academic Computing Committee (ACC). Dr. Garry White, Chair of the ACC and Associate Professor of CIS/QM, presented the committee's recommendations for ACC Computing Grant funding. They received 22 proposals and recommended full funding for 16 with partial funding for one. Dr. White and various senators discussed budget allocation and the role of the ACC in relation to other university programs. Following Dr. White's visit, senators voted to accept the ACC's computing grant funding recommendations as presented. In addition, senators approved a requested change in ACC membership, removing one ex officio member and adding two new ex officio members.

Faculty Procession at Commencement. Senator White received a concern that, due to confusion about their seating arrangements, faculty are causing delays during commencement. Potential solutions to this issue may be discussed in a future senate meeting or via email.

Minutes of the Feb 20th senate meeting were approved.

Policies. University administration recommended the deletion of UPPS 01.04.13 Policy Guidelines for the Use of Texas State Equipment by Outside Entities, and senators voted in favor of deletion. Review of AAPPS 04.01.21 Research Faculty Appointment was assigned to Senate Fellow Dr. Araceli Ortiz.

6:03 pm Adjournment by Chair Alex White

Minutes submitted by Natalie Ceballos, Secretary