

Faculty Senate Minutes, Wednesday, March 13, 2019

JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Janet Bezner, Natalie Ceballos, Michel Conroy, Rachel Davenport, Jesse Gainer, Lynn Ledbetter, Ting Liu, Vince Luizzi, Dave Nolan, Michael Supancic, Diego Vacaflores, Alex White

Guests: Selene Hinojosa, Twister Marquiss

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

Common Experience. Director of the Common Experience, Mr. Twister Marquiss, provided an overview of the history and structure of the Common Experience program. He noted that the Common Experience at Texas State is the number one program of its type in the country. Texas State's Common Experience offers more than 200 events per academic year, reports a student participation rate of 89%, and enjoys a robust social media presence. For example, their Twitter engagement metrics are over 2,000% higher than the average account in higher education. Mr. Marquiss also shared some of the future goals of the Common Experience program, including the plan to expand their coverage to transfer students.

60th Senate Celebration. Tuesday April 23rd was identified as the tentative date of the celebration, which will take place in the Faculty and Staff Dining Room at Jones Dining Hall. Senators discussed preparations for the celebration.

Cyberharassment Policy. Senators suggested revisions to the Academic Freedom Committee's first draft of the Cyberharassment Policy. The revised policy will be returned to the senate for further review before it is forwarded to Associate Provost Thorne for consideration as a UPPS.

Academic Governance. Senators voted to approve the Academic Governance Committee's changes to the wording of the Dean's survey. The discussion of the Academic Governance Committee's charge was tabled, and this topic will return to the agenda after spring break.

Upcoming Faculty Senate Election. Faculty who are not interested in serving on the senate should contact Valerie by Friday, March 15th to have their names removed from the ballot.

Academic Bullying Follow-up. Senators continued their discussion of academic bullying. A task force will be appointed to consider new policies, guidelines, and training activities for our campus. The task force will work closely with the Academic Freedom Committee and will report to the senate.

AA/PPS No. 04.02.01 Development/Evaluation of Tenure-Track Faculty. Senators discussed ways to streamline this policy, including the potential removal of both the first-year reappointment review, and the March review for second-year faculty.

Minutes of the March 6 meeting were approved with minor changes.

Policy Reviews. The following reviews will be due on April 1st. Senator Vacaflores will review UPPS 04.01.11 Risk Management of Information Resources. Senator Liu will review UPPA 04.01.10 Information Security Incident Management. Senator White will review UPPA 04.01.01 Security of Texas State Information Resources.

Remaining agenda items will be addressed at the next senate meeting.

6:06 pm Adjournment by Chair Alex White

Minutes submitted by Natalie Ceballos, Secretary