

Faculty Senate Minutes, Wednesday, April 10, 2019

JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Natalie Ceballos, Michel Conroy, Rachel Davenport, Jesse Gainer, Lynn Ledbetter, Ting Liu, Vince Luizzi, Ben Martin, Michael Supancic, Diego Vacaflores, Alex White

Guests: Erina Duganne, Selene Hinojosa, Wes Jennings

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

Nontenure Line Faculty Committee (NLFC) Report. Senator Bezner (NLFC Chair) reported on the following:

- Current and future career development sessions
- Formation of a career development subcommittee to look at the NLF career path
- The upcoming NLF survey
- Plans for the NLF reception in September 2019 (JCK 1100)
- Alignment of AA/PPS 04.02.03 (NLF Workload Release Program) eligibility requirements with those in AA/PPS 04.02.02 (Faculty Developmental Leave)
- Proposed modification of AA/PPS 04.01.04 (Dean and Chair Hiring) to expand voter eligibility for NLF
- Discussion of future NLF-related PAAG items

60th Senate Celebration. The location has changed. The celebration is planned for Tuesday, April 23rd from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Reed Parr Room (JCK 1100).

Senate Election Update. The first round of voting is complete, and run-off elections are pending.

Green Cat Challenge. Senator Bell-Metereau provided an update on the Environment and Sustainability Committee's Green Cat Challenge program. The application/nomination deadline is April 12th. Awards will be presented during the Earth Day celebration at the Meadows Center on Saturday, April 20th. The celebration will last from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., and the Green Cat Challenge award ceremony will be at 12:30.

Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) Update. The QEP task force co-chairs, Dr. Erina Duganne and Dr. Wes Jennings, presented an update on the QEP plan, which focuses on enhancing undergraduate research and related activities. The ultimate goal is to evoke a cultural change on campus. Key points included the following:

- Definition of undergraduate research, including creative engagement and creative products
- QEP goals, student learning outcomes, and proposed assessment methods
- Plans for the Undergraduate Innovation, Discovery, Exploration, and Analysis (IDEA) Center
- Creation of a Research Intensive (RI) course designation
- QEP Timeline: following SACS reaffirmation, the IDEA Center will open in the spring of 2022.

Committee Replacements

- A faculty member from Fine Arts and Communication is needed to serve on the Presidential Award Committee for Service. Senator White will consult with Dean John Fleming to identify candidates.

Minutes from the senate meeting on April 3 were approved with one change.

Policies. Senator Bezner will review AA/PPS 04.01.22 Clinical Faculty Appointments, due 4/24. Senator Davenport will review UPPS 04.04.54 Years of Service Awards, due 4/19. Senator White will review UPPS 04.04.14 Staff Reduction in Force, due 4/19.

6:07 pm Adjournment by Chair Alex White

Minutes by Natalie Ceballos, Secretary