

Faculty Senate
Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Members present: Ash, Czyzewska, Cavitt, Conroy, McClellan, Wilson, Furney, Payne, Feakes, Kimmel, Sriraman, Blunk, Hindson

Guest: Sigler

1. Information items
 - a. Report on the January 8 CAD meeting
 - i. Submitting a State Authorization of Online Learning form is necessary if a program is proposing a degree or course that would be available to those beyond Texas.
 - ii. The Teaching Theater Report documents that the theaters are close to being fully utilized.
 - iii. Visits by candidates for the Dean of the Graduate College position will be scheduled soon.
 - b. Spring PAAG meeting dates have been set: January 30, March 6, April 3, May 1
 - c. Senate membership, elections, and surveys
 - i. Due to illness, the Senate Chair will be on medical leave for an indeterminate period. An interim Senator for the College of Health Profession will be appointed to serve as representative during this period; the Vice-Chair of the Senate, Michel Conroy, will serve as Acting Chair
 - ii. The Senate Committee Preference Poll will be distributed to faculty on February 1. All faculty are encouraged to take part in the survey, indicating their willingness to service on Senate committees.
 - iii. March 1 is the beginning of the Senate election cycle. Seven Senate positions will be contended in this election, including a new, third seat in the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Prior to this date, a mock election will be held in the College of Applied Arts, which does not have an open seat in the upcoming election, to test the new online balloting system.
 - iv. Beginning April 1, the surveys for the evaluations of the Deans, Provost, and President will be distributed to the faculty.
2. Committee Membership Appointments
 - a. Equity and Access Committee
 - i. Appointments to the Equity and Access Committee were discussed. The Chair will forward the names of the Senate appointees to the Committee Chair.
 - b. Excellence in Diversity Awards Nomination Committee (Jan. 31 deadline)
 - i. The award honors university community members for exceptional commitment to diversity at Texas State. An at-large faculty representative nominated by the Senate is needed to serve a 2-year term.

- c. Distinguished Professor Award Committee
 - i. A Senate representative was appointed and the Chair will send the appointee's name to the Committee Chair.
 - d. Dean of the Graduate College Search Committee
 - i. Dr. Sriraman (who is currently a non-voting member of the committee) will substitute for Dr. Melzer as the Senate representative for the committee.
 - e. Registration and Academic Calendar Coordinating Committee
 - i. The Senate would like to request that the faculty representative on this committee be appointed by the Senate. The Interim Chair will invite Dr. Heintze to meet with the Senate to discuss this issue.
3. PAAG Agenda Development
- a. We would like to request that the President offer an overview of projections for the FY2014 Budget.
 - b. Now that we are an Emerging Research University, the Senate is interested in hearing more about the next step toward Tier 1 status: what it is, what is involved, and what the administration's plans are to achieve it.
 - c. The Senate would like to clarify its reasons for opposing ongoing pressures to move course evaluations to an online format.
 - d. Held over as a possible topic at a future meeting: Given the continuing growth in the student population and accompanying decline in budget resources, the Senators have concerns about the availability and adequacy of mental health services on campus for students. The Chair will request that a representative from the Counseling Center address the Senate on this topic.
4. Old Business
- a. Review of the Joint CAD/COC/FS Meeting
 - i. Academic Program Review Compensation
 - 1. The Provost and Associate Provost do not support monetary compensation for internal evaluators, and requested input from the Senate on this topic.
 - 2. Concerns were raised about particular evaluators being overused, about the pay of internal v. external evaluators, and the concept of the task being professional service and thus a responsibility of tenured faculty.
 - 3. The Senate suggested that departments put forward a short list of proposed internal evaluators, but that the appointment be made by the Provost.
 - b. Approval of the December 6 Joint CAD/COC/FS Minutes was returned to the agenda.
5. New Business and Approval of Minutes
- a. Concerns were raised about the faculty voting status of individuals designated as Program Faculty.
 - b. The Policy and Procedure Statements need revisions throughout to reflect the current definitions of "faculty voter" and "Personnel Committee member." This concern will be brought to the Associate Provost's attention.
 - c. The Senate discussed concerns that the required number of contact hours for

Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes, as mandated by the Coordinating Board, is not being reached; further, it was noted that summer school in 2013 will begin one week before the end of the school year in all surrounding school districts, making it difficult for teachers to enroll in summer school. These concerns reiterated the need for a Senate representative on the Registration and Academic Calendar Coordinating Committee.

- d. There are concerns that the enforcement of Red Restricted parking places seems to be lax.
- e. The Senate inquired about the status of the new edition of the *Faculty Handbook*. It is currently being copyedited and proofread.
- f. Ten Presidential Supplemental Development Leaves were awarded.
- g. The Minutes of December 5, 2012 were approved.