

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Members present: Conroy, Czyzewska, Cavitt, Feakes, Kimmel, McClellan, Furney, Sriraman, Hindson, Blunk, Payne, Covington, Wilson, Ash, Agwuele, Bell-Metereau, Morris, Payne, Weill

Guests: Sigler, Grimes

Meeting called to order at 4:00.

PAAG

- **Legislative Update**
The President reported that deliberations are not over, but at this point, Tuition Revenue Bonds are still in play and there is ongoing discussion of ways to provide some relief for the drain on university income caused by the Hazelton legislation. One proposal is for one-time appropriation of \$30 million. Texas State has one of the highest enrollments of Hazelton eligible students in the state. It also seems probable that there will be TRIP funding in the budget to alleviate the backlog of requests.
- **Promotion and Tenure Cycle Summary**
President Trauth commented on the high quality of the candidates who applied for promotion and tenure and the Provost reported that 21 of 24 candidates for full professor were approved for promotion, 34 of 35 candidates for tenure were approved and 34 of 38 candidates for promotion to associate professor were approved.
- **Planning for Future Commencement Ceremonies**
Dr. Bourgeois explained that there are potentially more people planning to attend two of commencement ceremonies than can be accommodated in the Strahan Coliseum stands, so there will be overflow seating provided in an ancillary gym with streamed video of the ceremony. The administration does not want to limit the number of guests. Planning for high attendance at commencement ceremonies is ongoing, with the number of ceremonies to remain at six in Fall 2013, but seven for Spring 2014. As a possible long term solution, the university will take a hard look at adding seats to Strahan to better serve both graduation ceremonies and basketball games.
- **Counseling Center Follow-Up, Director Search**
The President confirmed that there would be a Faculty Senate representative on the search committee for the Counseling Center Director position. Dr. Van Wyatt will chair the search committee, which will report its recommendations to VPSA Joanne Smith.
- **Athletic Conference Update**
There was a discussion of the move from WAC to the Sun Belt Conference that will occur on July 1, 2013. The plan is to stay in this conference for the foreseeable future.
- **University Name Change**
The President reported that the legislature approved dropping San Marcos from the university's name. This will help eliminate confusion for the Round Rock campus. The change will officially go into effect September 1, 2013. Departments are encouraged to refrain from ordering letterhead until after that date.

Break

PAAG Review

Information and Follow-Up Items

- The Senate endorsed a proclamation of congratulations to new University Distinguished Professors Sriraman and Forstner
- Election Participation Rate
- New Tenure-Track Faculty Luncheon, noon, Tuesday, August 21, Alkek 105-106
Senators Hindson, Furney, Feakes, Conroy and Cavitt have confirmed attendance. Remaining senators are asked to confirm by the June 19 senate meeting.
- Mace Bearers for August Commencement Ceremonies
Senator Furney will serve; additional senators are asked to volunteer at the June meeting.

Old Business

- Adjunct Faculty Committee report (Conroy)
A preview of the Adjunct Faculty website that has been constructed by the Adjunct Faculty Committee was shared.
- Perception of Administrators Survey Results
It was decided that the written comments on the deans' survey will be posted for ninety days beginning August 13.
- Handbook Review (Feakes and Hindson) RTA
- Registration and Academic Calendar Coordinating Committee Proposals

The minutes of April 24 were approved

Thank You to Senators Ash, Kimmel, Payne and Wilson

Introduction of newly elected Senators Agwuele, Bell-Metereau, Morris, Payne and Weill

55th Faculty Senate Convenes

New Business

- Election of 2013-14 Senate Officers
Chair, Michel Conroy
Vice-Chair, Debra Feakes
Secretary, Rebecca Bell-Metereau
- Assigned time is available for Faculty Senate service appointments. Duties for these positions will be discussed at the next senate meeting.
- Senate Summer Schedule
The senate summer schedule for 2013 is as follows: June 19, 3-5 pm; July 10, 3-5 pm; and a tentative meeting if it is necessary August 14, 3-5 pm.
- Concern was expressed about the increase in parking fees.

Adjourned at 6:10PM