

Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Senators: Agwuele, Bell-Metereau, Blunk, Cavitt, Conroy, Covington, Czyzewska, Feakes, Furney, Hindson, Jimenez, Morris, Payne, Sriraman, Weill

Guests: Kelsey Bradshaw, *University Star* reporter; Robyn Diaz, Alkek Library liaison

Introduction of acting senator, Jesus Jimenez, Science and Engineering and welcome to returning senator, Augustine Agwuele, Liberal Arts

Report on Council of Academic Deans 12/17, 1/7 (Feakes) 1/14 (Bell-Metereau)

- Summer stipends for early start graduate students discussed
- Parking fee revisions proposal presented

Macebearer is needed for 5/8/14, 6 pm (Business) commencement.

Calendar items

University Lecturers proposals are due to senate Jan. 22 by 5 pm, none submitted as of 1/15/14

- Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7, PAAG meetings
- Feb. 14, Texas State University System meeting, 9 am separated from Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting; Senator Payne will serve as second delegate.
- Feb. 26, joint meeting with senate liaisons, Alkek 105/106 (a volunteer is needed to take minutes)
- March 26, joint meeting with Council of Academic Deans, 3-5 pm, JCK 1100

Committee assignments

- Distinguished Professor Committee Senate representative, Senator Furney
- Department M&O Formula Advisory Group, Senator Morris
- Grievance Committee, Senator Feakes

To be determined:

- Honor Code Council, Health Professions
- Senate liaisons needed for Math and Criminal Justice

Substitutes needed for faculty on Spring 14 leave:

- Pres. Award Teaching; Pres. Award Scholarly Creative, Business
- Suspension appeals, Education and Business
- Handbook Committee, Education
- Pres. Award for Teaching, Applied Arts
- Pres. Award for Scholarly/Creative Activity, Business

Committee preference survey will be distributed in February.

Faculty Handbook has been forwarded to the provost's office.

Old Business

Piper award eligibility change: 10 years teaching (not necessarily at Texas State) with 5 years minimum at Texas State. Senate approved.

Transportation Services Advisory Committee 12/12/13 report submitted by Dr. John McGee was reviewed.

Senate considered requesting comparative data on campus crime, past and present or compared to other universities in Texas or nationwide

Emergency alerts suggestions: stating which campus the alert is for; when alert is ended, tagline pointing out how safe the campus is. Recent alerts have mentioned the campus,.

5:30 New Business

Possible questions/concerns for TSU System meeting

- A senate discussion was begun on spousal benefits for all marriages recognized by the federal government.
- The senate understands that the proposed addition to the anti-discrimination statement to include sexual identity and expression will be before the president's cabinet
- State university tuition covers scholarships and financial assistance for lower income students, but students and parents may not be aware of that.

February 28 meeting of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates needs delegate.

Dr. Bill Stone will present a report from the Retirement and Benefits Committee at the 1/22/14 senate meeting.

Approval of 12/4 minutes approved via TRACS polling

Adjournment at 5:46.