

**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**

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

Guests: President Trauth, Vice Provost Opheim, Kelsey Bradshaw, *University Star* reporter; Robyn Diaz, Alkek Library liaison

President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG)

- Equal treatment of faculty spouses will be decided in federal courts, state by state. Texas State University supports diversity through the non-discrimination statement, equity and access committee, Allies training. Decision for support of new language has occurred at president's cabinet, and "gender identity" has been added to the university non-discrimination statement.
- Searches for administrative positions indicate upcoming announcement on chief diversity officer. Counseling center director search is ongoing, considering the broad nature of the job.
- Administration will reconsider faculty request for a faculty dining facility.
- Communication of inclement weather decisions has been modified. Texas State committee will decide by 2:00 am and announce closings shortly thereafter, all faculty, staff and students are encouraged to sign up for text alerts, to check the university homepage for information, and to use common sense when deciding whether to driving conditions are safe.
- At next Thursday's University Council meeting, President Trauth will report on Pride in Action campaign amounts and allocations.
- Dedication of Performing Arts center, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> open house for faculty and staff

PAAG Follow-up Discussion

- Senate will follow continuation of searches for counseling center director and transportation services director.
- Thanks are owed to president's cabinet for decision to expand the university's non-discrimination statement and to the upper administration for its willingness to reconsider a faculty dining space.

Information Items

- Written report on sponsored program expenditures was circulated
- At 2/12 meeting, Dr. Wiley will report on honor code and Chief Meyer will report on campus crime data.
- Senate liaison for Mathematics, Dr. Xingde Jia, elected; Criminal Justice pending; Moonis Ali, approved for Science and Engineering suspension appeals; Jennifer Krou, Business, suspension appeals; Parking ticket appeals committee pending, being reconstituted, seeking three faculty members

## Old Business

- Retirement and Benefits Committee report follow-up; have work life create on-line library; human resources should expand current seminars; add unaffiliated certified financial planner as HR service.

## New Business

- Tenured or tenure-track faculty who leave have emails cut off, but can request forwarding for a year; some adjunct faculty routinely teach every other semester and are cut off in the semester not teaching; departments can request extension; for tenure and tenure-track faculty, faculty can be put on 0% employment (but not paid). Senate may consider and recommend changes in policy.
- Assistant VP for International Affairs search committee representative: Bell-Metereau approved as committee member; possible PAAG item on goals of position
- Endowments: Dr. Warshauer wanted to know about a committee working on endowments. Issue of returns on endowments may be given to budget committee.
- LSU's Faculty Senate's resolutions on domestic partner health benefits was circulated.
- Information on senate environment committee charge possibilities was circulated.

Approval of 1/22/14 as amended; email vote on 2/5/14 minutes  
University Council Thursday (3pm, JCK 11<sup>th</sup> floor)

5:46 Adjournment