

Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2014

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

Guests: Kelsey Bradshaw, *University Star* reporter; Captain Rickey Lattie; Director Meyer, University Police; Dr. David Wiley, Honor Code Council Chair

University Police, UPD Director Meyer

- Presented crime data based on the university's Clery Act required reports
- Emergency alert (immediate), due within 27 minutes, 140 character limit for cell phone alerts
- Timely warning (occurrence or trend that is not an emergency)

COC meeting report, Feakes

- Dr. Thorne reported that the outcomes for online courses must be consistent with the outcomes for face-to-face courses.
- SACS requires using learning outcomes to effect change.
- Chairs discussed the process for requesting classrooms outside the normal cycle.

Counseling center director search report, Senator Czyzewska

Vice President Smith reported that the search was terminated; job description revised, now only for director of counseling center; there is no current timeline or information available on the search.

Senate discussed possible recommendations:

- Look at makeup of next search committee and include a member from the Round Rock campus
- Link to strategic plan, colleges
- Look at national models (technology models for tele-help, for example)
- Circulate and monitor follow-up to recent report from the Mental Health Advisory Council
- Educate students on mental health, for example, in first-year seminar

Honor Code Council, Dr. David Wiley

Issues:

- Some faculty members not reporting violations (handling it themselves); a paper trail is necessary to track repeat offenders
- Some students are given incorrect information (for example, that violations go on record)
- Cheating in large classes is more frequent, often run by grad assistants or TAs
- Loophole if student drops class to avoid penalty will be remedied with PPS rewrite; a student's record will be held until case is resolved. Cultural

difference issues with some students (unattributed direct quotations are seen as acceptable in some cultures)

Possible Recommendations:

- Training with departments; Camtasia videos in process; Youtube videos will be available; council is currently writing scripts
- Modify Texas A & M as possible model online system
- Follow UCSD of \$75 required course if student is found to plagiarize
- Valparaiso University has Honor Campus, with students monitoring each other during exams.
- Academic integrity initiative for the entire university in the future.

Announcements:

U Council @ 3 Thursday, Feb. 13; family campaign report

Dr. Gilda Garcia has accepted the position of chief diversity officer.

Old Business:

Suggested revision in wording for clarification of Piper Professor award:

“All faculty with **current** appointments at Texas State who have taught at least seven years of full-time workload assignment at Texas State University are eligible to apply for, or be nominated for, the Piper Professor Award.”

Endorsement for Adjunct Faculty Committee, Diane Dolezel for HIM liaison

New Business:

- Parking Ticket Appeals Committee; appeals must be reviewed in hard copy in the parking services office.
- Liaisons meeting agenda items, RTA
- TRACS disruption concerns
- Workload assignment for the same class taught across departments
- Discussion of senate election protocol, RTA
- Faculty comment: cancellation schedule requested; clarification is needed on 9:30 classes and bad weather makeup days, RTA

Minutes approved as amended for 12/4/13, 1/22/14, 1/29/14, and 2/4/14.

Adjournment at 6:04.