

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
JCK 880, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Present

Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Elizabeth Blunk, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Ju Long, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Guests: Micky Autrey, director of Curriculum Services; Thomas Clark; Philip Suckling; Michael Supancic; John Wilcox,
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Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Senate Chair Conroy

INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

- Council of Academic Deans (CAD) 10/21 meeting report, Senator Conroy
Topics discussed included (1) the annual Human Resources report and changes in health insurance compliance related to the Affordable Care Act, (2) revising the current 32 types of university leave, (3) revision of the staff grievance process to comply with Regents' Rules, (4) live-streaming and possibly archiving recorded versions of professional development workshops, (5) electronic job postings, (6) the definition of an intern based on whether they are paid or not, (7) the cap on hours worked by graduate assistants, and (8) using E-portfolio for course evaluations.
- Faculty salary data, 2014-15
The faculty salary data for 2014-15 will soon be available through the Faculty Senate website. Administrator salaries are not available until later this year. Faculty will be notified when both sets are posted.
- November Faculty Senate bullet points
The inaugural monthly Faculty Senate bullet points for faculty in October were well received. Early November is the target date for the next bullet points which are being reviewed by all senators before release.
- Research Enhancement Program (REP) proposals
[The REP](#) received 107 applications for research and creative activity funding by the deadline. Review of the proposals and selection for funding is a combined effort of college and university committees. \$420,000 will be distributed to successful applicants.
- Proposal for HB2504 student perceptions of instruction (SPI) online survey pilot project
The School of Journalism & Mass Communication wants to pilot a project for online [HB2504](#) student perceptions of instruction (SPI) surveys. The SJ&MC already uses online student evaluations for all of its courses. Senator White will ask the Mathematics Department, which uses scantrons on campus for student course evaluations, to join the SPI online survey pilot project for a comparative study.
- Current UPPS (University policy for all divisions) and PPS (Academic Affairs policy) reviews
PPS 5.04, will be reviewed by Senators White and Bell-Metereau. UPPS 03.01.03 will be reviewed by Senator Conroy. UPPS 03.01.10 will be reviewed by Senators Conroy and Ogletree. UPPS 03.01.18 will be reviewed by Senators Miller Payne and Long. UPPS 03.01.14 will be reviewed by Senators Conroy and White.

Curriculum Committee Report, Michael Supancic

Curriculum Committee chair Supancic recommended three curriculum changes that were approved by the Faculty Senate: (1) Change the Ph.D. in Environmental Geography to Geography, creating a broader major. Geography professor Suckling stated that the change required no new resources. (2) Adding undergraduate minors in Jazz and Mariachi. School of Music director Clark said the minors will enhance the music teacher certification program.

Perception of deans survey questions reports, returned to 11/02 agenda

Senators continue to collaborate on the development of surveys of perception for the deans of University College, the Honors College and the Graduate School. The target date to begin these surveys is 2015.

NEW BUSINESS returned to 11/02 agenda

- Inquiries and concerns from faculty
Outside employment approval mandated by Regents (legal standing)
Request that ODS inform faculty of ODS student assistants so they can be added to class TRACS sites
Plus and minus grades
First call classrooms

Minutes of 10/15/14 approved as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Susan Weill