

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2014
JCK 880, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Present

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Elizabeth Blunk, Brock Brown, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Debra Feakes, Ju Long, Lynn Ledbetter, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Guests: Paivi Rentz, Library Liaison; Bill Stone; John Wilcox, *University Star*

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Senate Chair Conroy

INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

- Council of Academic Deans (CAD) 11/11 meeting report, Senator Conroy
Topics discussed included (1) the upcoming Texas State Employee Wellness Pilot Program, (2) the new University Advancement reporting style, which is different from the Pride in Action campaign report format, (3) council approval of the 51 applications for faculty development leave and overall satisfaction with the online submission and review process instituted by the Faculty Senate this year, and (4) continued discussion of outside employment approval requirements at Texas State, which are not equivalent throughout the TSUS.
- Adjunct Committee report, Senator Sriraman
There were eleven applications for Adjunct Workload Release (AWR) and nine were recommended for funding by the Adjunct Committee. The Faculty Senate endorsed the recommendations. A revision of the PPS will clarify AWR activities eligibility for next year's applicants.
- Chief Financial Officer search committee representative
The nomination of business professor Rosie Morris to serve as a faculty representative on the search committee for a Chief Financial Officer was endorsed by the Faculty Senate.
- UPPS review assignments for November
UPPS 08.01.06 Student Recreation Center: Senators Bell-Metereau and Ledbetter
UPPS 03.04.09 Research Service Centers: Senators Agwuele and Miller Payne
UPPS 04.04.53 Honors and Benefits for Retired Faculty and Staff: Senators Conroy, Ogletree and Ross-Gordon
UPPS 01.01.05 Councils, Committee and Team: Senators Conroy and Weill
UPPS 04.01.05 Network Use Policy: Senators Long and White
UPPS 04.01.09 Server Management Policy: Senators Covington and Feakes

Retirement and Benefit Programs Committee report, Bill Stone

Retirement and Benefit Programs Committee chair Stone discussed several concerns of the committee, including (1) unapproved financial advisers listed on the Human Resources webpage, (2) needed corrections to contradictions in [PPS 6.01](#) and [PPS 7.22](#) related to Regents Rules regarding emeritus requirements and definitions, (3) health insurance at Texas State as a decision of the ERS trustees, and (4) faculty handbook revision. He requested that the Faculty Senate contact Human Resources and request that only approved financial advisers be listed on their webpage. He also said the monthly Senate Bullet Points could be used to educate faculty on best practices related to Texas State health insurance.

College of Science dean review assignment

Previous chairs will be asked to provide a summary of their review process schedule and experience. Senator Agwuele agreed to serve as chair for the five-year review of the College of Science dean.

Joint Senate/CAD/Council of Chairs meeting discussion items

The Joint Senate/CAD/Council of Chairs meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on 11/19 in McCoy Hall. Discussion items suggested for the meeting include (1) an agreement by administrators not to use HB2504 Student Perceptions of Instruction (SPI) in faculty evaluations, (2) cross-listing and co-teaching of courses, (3) the inaugural Adjunct Faculty Workload Release awards cycle, and (4) the inaugural online application process for Faculty Development Leave.

Returned to agenda

Development leave application revisions
Perceptions of deans survey questions discussion
Conflict of commitment in outside employment
University Arts Committee charge inquiry

Minutes of 11/5/14 approved as amended

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Susan Weill