

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2014
JCK Regents Room, 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 Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Administrators: President Trauth, Provost Bourgeois, Associate Provost Opheim

Guests: Michael Supancic, Micky Autrey, Tom Grimes, Ruth Welborn, Jacqueline Moczygamba, Tiankai Wang, Marla Erbin-Roesemann, Paivi Rentz, Library Liaison

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

PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC ADVISORY GROUP (PAAG)

- Perceptions of deans survey update
The senate notified the president and provost that the inaugural surveys of perception for the deans of University College, the Honors College and the Graduate College are ready to be sent out in 2015. A concern raised about respondents to the Graduate College survey was resolved.
- Approval of outside employment update
Revisions to the Regents Rules related to outside employment are (1) only full-time faculty and faculty working for other state agencies must gain prior approval for all outside compensation of more than \$500, (2) faculty holding a major elective office must report compensation from that office, and (3) honoraria do not need to be reported. The Faculty Senate thanked the provost for his efforts to institute these revisions.
- Legislative update
President Trauth indicated she is optimistic that the proposed health professions building at Round Rock and the science and engineering building in San Marcos will be approved for funding by Tuition Revenue Bonds. The president said funding for the buildings approved in 2012 will not completely cover the cost of the two projects, so a request for additional funding was submitted.
- Regents' Teachers Award
The recipient of this newly established annual award of \$3,000 will be selected from TSUS nominees. The Texas State University Piper nominee and the two Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching recipients will be Texas State's nominees for the award for 2014 and 2015 respectively.
- The 2014 Football season
The televised Texas State games have helped raise awareness about the university. The Bobcats have a 7-5 record and there is good academic progress by most of the athletes.

PAAG FOLLOW-UP

Reaction to the PAAG discussion was generally positive.

University Curriculum Committee report

Committee chair Supancic discussed the newly approved master's in health information management and doctorate in nursing practice. He said the Curriculum Committee found them to be good proposals for outstanding programs. The Faculty Senate voted to endorse the committee's recommendation for approval of the two.

University Research Committee (URC) vote

The URC recommendation for Research Enhancement Program ([REP](#)) funding was endorsed by the Faculty Senate.

INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

- External observers for Liberal Arts chairs summative reviews
 - History, January 23: Senator Conroy
 - English, January 26: Senator Sriraman
 - Psychology, February 2: Senator Ledbetter
 - Anthropology, February 6: Senator Feakes
- CAD 12/2 meeting report, Senator Conroy
 - The major topic of discussion was the outside employment Regents Rule. The revisions achieved by the provost will address most of the concerns.
- Presidential Award for Teaching McCoy College substitute appointment
 - The nomination of Kay Nichols to serve as a substitute this semester to replace a committee member nominated for the award was endorsed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Minutes of 11/19/14 approved as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Susan Weill