

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
JCK 880, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Present**

**Senators:** Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Elizabeth Blunk, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Debra Feakes, Ju Long, Lynn Ledbetter, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White  
**Guests:** Paivi Rentz, Michelle Nance, *University Star* reporter Anna Herod

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Senate Chair Conroy

**INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

- Council of Academic Deans (CAD) 4/21 report, Senator Conroy  
Topics discussed at CAD included (1) approval of an external observer during summative reviews of chairs, with requested revisions to PPS 1.10 drafted by the senate chair and submitted to the associate provost and (2) a Texas State University System policy on concealed carry that could be mandated without possibility of alteration by member schools, thus negating a Faculty Senate request for a Texas State Task Force to address how to effectively deal with passage of the law.
- Adjunct Faculty Committee (AFC) 4/17 report, Senator Sriraman  
The AFC has requested that *nontenure line faculty* replace the term *adjunct faculty* at Texas State and that the AFC be renamed the Nontenure Line Faculty Committee (NLFC). The AFC will recommend to the Faculty Senate an AFC member to serve as the first Faculty Senate Fellow during the 2015-16 school year. The AFC will also submit recommendations for recipients of the Part-Time Teaching Awards.
- Perceptions of administrators surveys close 4/24  
The faculty surveys related to perceptions of administrators close on April 24.
- Senate election update  
Elected to the Faculty Senate for 2015-2018 terms are: Dana Garcia, College of Science & Engineering, Scott Bowman, College of Applied Arts, and Elizabeth Bishop, College of Liberal Arts.
- Interim dean, College of Science & Engineering  
Robert Habingreither has been named Interim Dean of the College of Science & Engineering, effective in June. He replaces Stephen Seidman.

**University Performing Arts Committee (UPAC), Michelle Nance, co-chair**

Several changes were proposed to the Faculty Senate by UPAC, including (1) the inclusion of “performing” in the committee name, (2) a rubric for evaluating funding proposals received by UPAC, and (3) revised UPAC vision and mission statements. The committee would like to see proposals include co-sponsorship for events and social media used more for promotion. It was suggested that the committee explore the possibilities of digitally recording or live-streaming UPAC events.

**University Lecturers Committee (ULC) ancillary award process**

The ULC reviews proposals for funding guest lecturers on an annual basis, which requires scheduling speakers a year in advance. Residual and unspent funds from speaker cancellations are now being considered for a revised process with quick turnaround proposals reviewed in the fall.

**Committee on Committees follow-up**

A review of Faculty Senate committees and committee assignments for the 2015-16 school year began. The committee preference survey was utilized. Review of all committees was not completed and will continue at the April 29 Faculty Senate meeting.

**New business and concerns returned to 4/29 agenda**

- Deletion of UPPS 04.04.42 on sexual misconduct  
The initial response by the Faculty Senate was to retain a UPPS on this policy.
- Regents Rules proposal to define insubordination, RTA
- Faculty temporary campus transportation service inquiry  
This is in relation to faculty who are temporarily disabled.
- Weekend transportation to campus inquiry
- Contract offers to hiring candidates’ spouses

Minutes of 4/15 approved as amended  
Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.  
~Minutes submitted by Susan Weill