

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, April 29, 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, Audrey McKinney, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Guests: Library liaison Paivi Rentz, senators-elect Dana Garcia and Scott Bowman

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

INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

- Introduction of senators-elect
The Faculty Senate welcomed senators-elect Scott Bowman (Criminal Justice, Applied Arts) and Dana Garcia (Biology, Science and Engineering). They are first-time senators and will begin their 2015-18 terms at the May 6 Faculty Senate meeting. Senator-elect Elizabeth Bishop (History, Liberal Arts) will join them.
- Council of Academic Deans 4/28 meeting report, Senator Conroy
Topics discussed at the CAD meeting included (1) deployment of the new online course catalogue that will ultimately engage with Banner using *CourseLeaf*, (2) endorsement of external reviewers assigned by the Faculty Senate in consultation with deans for summative reviews of chairs, (3) closing out the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's program *Closing the Gaps* and launching the *60 x 30* initiative, and (4) policy revision allowing five-year annually renewable contracts for senior and clinical lecturers
- Deletion of UPPS 04.04.42 on sexual misconduct
The Texas State University System policy related to sexual misconduct will replace Texas State UPPS 04.04.42 and the senate has requested that there be a direct link to the pertinent Regents' Rules section from the UPPS Index..
- May Bullet Points
The May Bullet Points with information about the senators-elect, the pilot program for summative reviews of chairs, state legislative response to Texas State University budget priorities, and the importance of faculty grant writing to the tenure process were discussed and revised slightly. They will be sent to faculty by email in early May.

University Performing Arts Committee (UPAC), discussion and action

Proposed revisions to the UPAC vision and mission statements were discussed and approved as amended. A rubric for evaluating presentation proposals was also approved.

President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG) discussion items

Topics suggested for discussion with the President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG) on May 6 include (1) the policy for spousal hires, (2) the tenure and promotion report for 2015-16, and (3) the relevance and weight of faculty surveys on administrators in the administrator review processes.

Statement for perceptions of administrators survey results

The results and data sets of the *Faculty Perceptions of Deans and Chairs* surveys, 2013-2015, will be available online through the Faculty Senate web site during the fall semester, from September 15 through December 15, 2015. Perception surveys of the deans of the Graduate, Honors and University Colleges were conducted for the first time in 2015. Those inaugural results will be available only to faculty participants and administrators.

Faculty Senate Committee appointments continued

Review of Faculty Senate committees and committee assignments for the 2015-16 school year continued but was not completed. The committee preference survey was utilized.

Minutes of 4/22 approved as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Susan Weill