

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, August 26, 2015
JCK 880, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Present

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Dana Garcia, Ju Long, Lynn Ledbetter, Audrey McKinney, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Sarah Blue, Senate Liaison (Geography); Anna Herod, Asst. News Ed., *University Star*

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

INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

- Council of Academic Deans July and August meetings reports (Conroy, White)
Topics discussed at the CAD meetings included (1) Valero Presidential Award, (2) Teaching Theatre Utilization Committee setting schedule for 2 years, (3) GATO software template redesign so departmental web pages will work on mobile devices, (4) Science & Engineering Building to be totally built, (5) Application to be made to acquire Association of Public Land Grant Universities' Innovation and Economic Prosperity (IEP) designation. Working group of stakeholders will meet once a month and virtually. Faculty members are sought for this group. (6) New Master Plan for 2017-2027 to be formulated, with specific emphasis on space deficiencies, (7) Enrollment updates indicate enrollment figure is 33,858 (Undergraduate) and 4,129 (Graduate) as of August 25, 2015.
- Committee Assignments
Discussion of Faculty Senate Committee assignments continued
- Faculty Development Assistant Director Search
Discussion of possible candidates

Senate Sub-committee on concealed carry at Texas State

- Concealed Carry Task Force faculty representatives: Dwight Watson (History), Lori Stiritz (Communication Disorders), and Peter Blair (ALERT Center) (26 Task Force members)
The committee will be made up of 4 faculty members (including Chair of Faculty Senate) plus others from the constituencies of faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and community, and will make recommendations for implementation of plan to Board of Regents.
- Preliminary gun-free zones report
The sub-committee has entered into a study of 4 different states that have designated gun-free zones. These include Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi and Oregon.

University Star 2015-16 Goals, Anna Herod, Star News

Goals for 2015-16 include expanded coverage of academia and continuing to strive for more accurate, concise and timely reporting of the news. The paper will continue to be issued on Mondays and Thursdays, with a daily digital presence.

President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG) discussion items for September 2, 2015

Topics suggested for discussion with the President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG) on September 2 include (1) admission standards, (2) the update of the conclusion of the 2006-2015 Master Plan and ideas for the new plan, and (3) the role of the Faculty Senate in the issue of campus carry compliance.

New Business

- Committee charges: Academic Governance, Budget, Retirement and Benefit Programs
Specific charges to each committee were discussed.
- September Bullet Points
The September issue of the Bullet Points was discussed and approved.

Minutes of 7/5 approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter