

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2015
JCK 880

Present

Senators: Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy (by telephone), Barbara Covington, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Ju Long, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Alex White

Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks (by telephone)

Guests: Paivi Rentz, library liaison;

Meeting called to order at 3 p.m. by Senate Vice-Chair Alex White

INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Council of Academic Deans (6/16, 6/23, and 6/30) Meeting Reports

- Undergraduate/Graduate Admissions
- TK20
 - Faculty qualification system begins final testing of faculty annual reporting
- New Staff Positions
 - Coming online---research funded and method funded
 - FA&C getting a Research Coordinator
- Dr. Vicki Brittain has been named to chair campus carry compliance committee
- New Excellence in Teaching award approved for Assistant Professor level as per revision of PPS 6.11
- HB1992
 - Discussion of complications of accepting AP scores of 3 or more
- AAUP Conference Report
 - Senator Conroy showed the slides from the presentation by Debra Feakes, David Nolan and herself covering Texas State's initiatives to enfranchise Nontenure Line Faculty, and reported that it was well-received.
 - AAUP theme for this year is "One Faculty"
- Committee assignments
 - University level assignments endorsed
- University Lecturers Series secondary submission cycle was discussed

COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCEALED CARRY AT TEXAS-STATE

- Stakeholder representatives
- Gun-Free zone recommendations
 - Discussion of possible gun-free zones on campus
 - Discussion of how to invite faculty input
 - Scott Bowman, Dana Garcia, and Barbara Covington named to Faculty Senate Subcommittee

FACULTY SENATE FELLOW ASSIGNMENTS PLANNING REPORT

- Recommendations from subcommittee includes:
 - Statement of importance of being more actively engaged in shared governance as

opposed to just observation

-Observe at Faculty Senate, CAD, COC, College Council(s) and Student Government meetings

-Research project on shared governance systems at our peer institutions, culminating in drafting an improvement proposal

-Possibility of shadowing an administrator

-Participate in webcasts on leadership and shared governance topics

-Submit summary report at the conclusion of term

ONLINE HB2504 STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF INSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATION

- Faculty Senate recommends all HB2504 Student Perceptions of Instruction surveys be done online
 - Data presented indicated response rate was down in Fall 2014 from Fall 2013 when survey for Mass Comm. was put online
 - Results remained about the same
 - Ask for review after two years

NEW BUSINESS

- Jefferson Davis highway marker removal faculty member request
 - Discussion of marker in Sewell Park
 - More information is needed.
- Faculty Senate has been sent Workload Reports for each college
 - These will be sent by the provost's office to each unit, which will distribute them to faculty members
 - Senator White will analyze and look for anomalies

Minutes of 6/3 approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

-Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter