

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Elizabeth Bishop, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Ting Liu, Vincent Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Shane Smith, Vedaraman Sriraman, Alex White

Administrators: President Denise Trauth, Provost Eugene Bourgeois, Assistant Provost Cynthia Opheim

Guests: Selene Hinojosa (Library); Shannon Duffy (History), Thomas Grimes (SJMC), Andrew Turner (*University Star*)

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

President's Academic Advisory Group

Anecdotal information was shared by President Trauth

- Legislative update
 - There will continue to be Hazlewood discussion
 - There might be discussion about the possibility of rescinding the ability of higher education boards to set tuition
 - Possibility of tuition increases being tied to performance metrics
 - If the state mandated 20% set aside from tuition dollars for scholarships and financial aid is eliminated, the university will need to do something to cover those needs.
- Promotion and tenure criteria
 - It is important to accurately reflect at the department/school level the culture of each discipline in terms of valuing refereed book chapters as equivalent to refereed journal articles.
 - Narrative statements that indicate thread of continuity in research help to frame the importance of the faculty member's scholarly/creative activities
 - Credentials of external reviewers are important in showing evidence of significance of scholarly/creative activity being reviewed
 - The ultimate goal is to build a body of work that is aiming at national reputation
- Prospects for future doctoral programs
 - Currently 12 doctoral programs at Texas State
 - In terms of the NRU metric regarding quality doctoral programs, those that come forward from selected programs must be reviewed by nationally known professionals in the field who must give the program high marks.
 - Must also meet the state workforce need as defined by the Texas Workforce Commission
- Interval allowed between classes
 - For colleges with block classes affected by this issue, deans will be encouraged to negotiate scheduling/location solutions

PAAG follow-up

Discussion continued with suggestion of Budget Committee being charged with reporting on state funding vs. philanthropic funding since 2003

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Bulletin items reviewed and timeline of production schedule identified

Council of Chairs 10/6 meeting report (Senator Conroy)

- Contact hours outside of class revision presentation was well-received
-Was also presented at CAD and will be included in PPS 4.01 with a two-week review
- Move to mono-platforms in classrooms of fewer than 100 seats
-Proposal has been made by the classroom design integration team to have classrooms that are equipped with either MAC or PC with the goal of computer costs and streamlining maintenance

Discussion items for full senate (senators and senate liaisons) meeting, Oct. 19

- Faculty Constitution amendment referendum
-PowerPoint presentation followed by Q&A
- College groups will discuss concerns from faculty and report to full senate

Discussion items for joint FS/CAD/Council of Chairs meeting, Oct. 25

Suggestions considered with final determination being to let CAD/Council of Chairs set agenda

Faculty Development Leave application review

Discussion of FDL review process

- S&E and LA senators will review applications from both colleges
- Other senators will review college applications from their and remaining colleges
- Initial reviews should be conducted by Oct. 26
- Scoring rubric and spreadsheet listing proposals are posted on TRACS

Other

Upcoming agenda items

- VPIT to discuss IT initiatives
- AVPFSS to discuss Campus Master Plan
- Office of Academic Development and Assessment to discuss name change
- Academic Affairs Budget Priorities

Approval of Oct. 5 meeting minutes

Minutes approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter