Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

October 4, 2023

JCK 880

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Stacey Bender, Dale Blasingame, William Chittenden, Rachel Davenport, Peter Dedek, Dave Donelly, Farzan Irani, Jennifer Jensen, William Kelemen, Lynn Ledbetter, Jo Beth Oestreich, Adetty Pérez de Miles, Michael Supancic and Alex White.

**Guests:** Jason Coates, Shannon Duffy, Laura Ellis-Lai, Lauren Goodley, Deborah Howard, Monica Huges, Scott Kruse, Russell Moses, Alana Rosenwasser, Shannon Shaw, Piyush Shroff, Karen Sigler, Lois Stickley, Nancy Wilson and Anne Winchell.

**The meeting was opened by Chair Ledbetter at 4:00 p.m.**

The first Agenda item was to review **AA/PPS 04.01.26** Faculty of Instruction Appointments. Senators discussed issues and concerns related to the policy. Faculty Senators suggested the following changes to the policy:

**01.03b**: Include language that appointments can include research;

04.02: Correct the inaccurate statement about senior lecturer service;

04.03: Add a fifth point about service and research if applicable to this section and the following two;

**04.03c***:* Delete this section;

**04.04c**: Add language such as “or equivalent” regarding teaching experience;

**04.05d**: Add more examples in this section;

**05.03:** Add a statement including research/creative activities;

**06.02b**: Delete *aligned with instructional activities and outcomes*; and

**06.05:** Clarify what will happen for faculty moving into a lower rank with some experience already

On a related career path issue, a Senator recommended Faculty Senate support a staff career ladder, if this ever comes to fruition.

The next Agenda item was to discuss if there were any additional comments regarding the review of **UPPS 04.04.11** University Classification Compensation**.** Minimal suggestions were sent to the chair by one senator.No additional comments were suggested.

The next item on the agenda was to identify the President’s Academic Advisory Group (PAAG) topics for the October 11, 2023, meeting. A Senator suggested a response from the President related to the recently published annual Security Fire and Safety Report for 2023 and the *University Star’s* article related to the report indicating a rise in serious crime on campus, especially in the residence halls. The Senator wanted to know how the President would work with emergency management and the University Police Department (UPD)to be proactive in ensuring residents, halls and the campus are safe. Another Senator suggested asking if there would be any additional reorganization within the university. A Senator suggested asking what the rationale was for moving student enrollment from the Provost to TXST Global.

**MOTION** to approve September 27, 2023, Minutes**. PASSED.**

**Reminders:** The NLF Appreciation Reception is tomorrow, October 5, 2023, in the Wittliff Collection from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Faculty Senate is invited to attend the workshop *Ideas for Faculty: Implementing Artificial Intelligence Activities in Your Classroom,* which includes the Faculty Senate Fellow Piyush Shroff as a presenter scheduled for October 12, 2023, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**The Faculty Senate Moved into Executive Session to discuss the following topics:**

Committee endorsements, curricular processes and Faculty Development Leave (FDL).

**MOTION** to approve the endorsement of two senior faculty members to serve on the Post Tenure Review Task Force. **PASSED**.

**MOTION** to identify an external reviewer for the COE Dean’s summative review. **PASSED**.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.**