Adjunct Faculty Committee Minutes for 2/10/2012

Guests: Keltner, Keefe

Meeting called to order at approximately 4:20 due to the evacuation of JCK in response to an emergency alert.

Announcements:
1. Senator Debra Feakes – While still outside the building (due to a building evacuation), the Chair of the Faculty Senate welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their service.
2. Once back in the senate meeting room, all committee members introduced themselves providing information about their positions and colleges.

Committee agenda items:
1. Committee structure. The committee is made up of two representatives and two alternates from each academic college. Members were appointed by the Faculty Senate from the pool of constituents who had expressed a strong interest in serving. The regular membership term is two years. For the first year, half of the member and alternate appointments will be for one year so that terms will be staggered. Alternates and interested constituents are welcome at the meetings.
2. Goals. Overall goals for the committee were discussed. Short term goals were identified and will be accomplished by the next meeting:
   a. A representative of each college will establish a means of communication with colleagues. (Email list, TRACS site)
   b. Information will be gathered from colleagues based on themes/comments submitted to committee members as areas of concern including Level of Participation in Shared Governance, (including curriculum resources), Compensation and Workload, Retention, Advancement Recognition, and Appreciation.
   c. Sherri Mora will work with committee members via a TRACS site to create a standard set of questions to be utilized to gather information, and will share the list with committee members.
   d. Information will be gathered from each department on the number of lecturers and faculty who are paid by the course.
   e. The Faculty Senate will identify and contact individuals to act as liaisons for those departments that do not have representation on the committee.

Discussion items:
1. Several suggestions were offered for renaming the committee. Without support, the item was tabled for future discussion.
2. The PAAG agenda item from 2/8/2012 on Managing Growth was reviewed. According to the Texas Public Higher Education Almanac, Texas State has 50.9% tenured and tenure track faculty members, placing it fifth among the eight universities classified as Emerging Research Institutions.
3. It was decided that subcommittees were not needed at this time.
4. Date of next meeting: April 13, 2012 in room 3:30-4:30 in JCK Room 880.

Adjourned at 5:10.

Minutes recorded by Sue Williams.