**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

JCK 880, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Attending** **Senators**: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Natalie Ceballos, Joellen Coryell; Rachel Davenport, Jesse Gainer, Lynn Ledbetter, Vince Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, Stan McClellan, David Nolan, Michael Supancic, Diego Vacaflores, Nicole Wesley.

**Guests**: Stephanie Towery (Library), Michel Conroy (via telephone).

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Senate Chair Bezner

**Committee appointments**

Discussion concerning senate committee appointments, chairs, and replacements for varying situations that prevent members from serving (FDL, etc.). Senators voted to approve all committee appointments.

Senators voted to approve adding ex-officio members to the Academic Freedom Committee.

Discussion of University level committee appointments and replacements. Reappointed current members, depending on acceptance of appointment by faculty members. Senators voted to approve all committee appointments, except the Honor Council, which will be considered in July.

**Question from faculty member**

Discussion of faculty member question concerning the position of the Faculty Senate on the American Association of State Colleges and Universities just released statement on the House of Representatives' American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (<http://www.aascu.org/Statements/Dreamers/?fbclid=IwAR2P8aV81rcBqR3J4kq5_34IJTLi6rKXW8PbIKW4EJ8Rl2rPbzXiSijDaR8>). The questioner asked that given the Department of Education has recognized Texas State as a minority-serving institution, what is the position of Texas State's Faculty Senate on this legislation?

Senators discussed the legislation currently still in congress and a possible faculty senate response if warranted. Senators discussed the faculty senate role and purpose concerning issues similar to the above referenced legislation. Issue tabled for future discussion, pending discussion of Faculty Senate 2019-2020 strategic goal and objectives.

**Discussion of AA/PPS 04.02.02, Faculty Development Leave**

The provost’s office asked the faculty senate for feedback on policy AA/PPS 04.02.02, Faculty Development Leave, concerning the faculty development and administrative leave process and procedures. There has been some confusion regarding faculty development leaves (FDL) for tenured faculty stepping down from administrative roles who may also receive administrative leave as part of their transition process.

The senate discussed the policy and the proposed changes and agreed with the clarification made to the policy by the associate provost.

**Assignment of policies to review**

Policies to be reviewed by assigned senators:

* UPPS 05.03.20 University Photocopy Equipment Services. Full review, due June 28. (Senator Bell-Metereau).
* UPPS 03.01.03 Allowable Awards Flowers Purchases. Due July 2. (Senate Chair Bezner)
* UPPS 03.01.18 Purchase of Alcohol. Due July 2. (Vice Senate Chair Ceballos)
* UPPS 03.01.16 Petty Cash and Change Funds. Due July 5. (Senator Ledbetter)
* UPPS 04.04.48 Drug Free Schools and Community Act. Due July 5. (Senator Supancic)
* UPPS 04.04.18 Drug Testing for Non-Faculty Employees. Due July 5. (Senator Gainer)
* AA/PPS 02.03.31 Commercial Use of Class Notes and Materials. Due July 15. (Senator Davenport)

Senators were asked to use track changes in each document and, in an e-mail, write a summary of any substantive and non-substantive changes to the policy. Send the document and comments to Senate Chair Bezner and faculty senate administrative assistant Ms. Anderson.

**UREC report**

Michel Conroy, chair-at-large of the University Research Enhancement Committee (UREC), presented the findings from a recent analysis of the impact of bonus points on funding distribution for the Research Enhancement Program (REP). The committee recommends that REP bonus points not be assigned for FY20 and FY21, after which an analysis of the impact of discontinuing bonus points be conducted and, if warranted, the question of bonus points for first time assistant professors principle investigators can be reviewed again by the UREC.

Senators discussed the results and how bonus points are awarded in the program. The faculty senate voted to approve the UREC committee’s recommendation to discontinue bonus points for REP for two years and reevaluate after that time.

**Approval of minutes**

The May 8 senate meeting minutes were approved.

**Discussion**

Next faculty senate meeting is July 31, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Senate will tentatively discuss the 2019-2020 Faculty Senate strategic goal and objectives, additional committee assignments, and faculty questions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by David Nolan