Faculty Senate Minutes  
Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
Alkek 105/106, 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, Shane Smith, Vedaraman Sriraman, Alex White  
**Administrators:** President Denise Trauth, Provost Eugene Bourgeois, Assistant Provost Cynthia Opheim  
**Faculty Senate Fellow:** Andrew Marks  
** Liaisons:** Moonis Ali (Computer Science), Bahram Asiabanpour (Ingram School of Engineering), Sarah Blue (Geography), Carrie Boden-McGill (Occupational, Workforce & Leadership Studies), Ann Burnette (Communication Studies), Hunter Close (Physics), Peter Dedek (Family & Consumer Sciences), Diane Dolezel (Health Information Management), David Falleur (Clinical Laboratory Science), Selin Guney (Agriculture), Catherine Hawkins (Social Work), Ted Hindson (Political Science), Matt Hood (Finance & Economics), Todd Hudnall (Chemistry & Biochemistry), Farzan Irani (Communication Disorders), Gloria Martinez (Sociology), Margaret Menninger (History), John McKiernan-Gonzales (History), Chris Russian (Respiratory Care), Ruth Taylor (Marketing), Richard Warms (Anthropology), Sue Weill (Journalism & Mass Communication)

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

**Fall semester full senate meeting, Senators, PAAG and Senate Liaisons**

Faculty’s role in supporting and safeguarding our university community in light of concerns and reactions to the national election  
Presentation by President Trauth on recent campus concerns

- Physical safety  
- Emotional safety – report to UPD any threats and any places that are deemed unsafe  
- Recommitment to our core values, including our commitment to be a diverse inclusive community  
- Intolerance, bigotry and racism are not part of our core values  
- Protect freedom of expression  
- Faculty allowed and encouraged to follow research agendas/questions wherever it may take them  
- Philosophical Dialogues – begun in 1998 – discussions guided by faulty

- What can we do to let faculty know how to deal with issues  
  -reminder by President Trauth of core values of Texas State  
  -make it a part of interview process  
  -Bobcat Paws – say something about core values and living the values

Concerns/Suggestions:

- More surveillance cameras in dorms  
- Help students understand safety issue of leaving dorm doors propped open  
- Civility of expression – be encouraged through mention of core values in syllabi  
- Professor Watchlist – ignore it  
- We have to commit to evaluation process and remove political conversations from those processes  
- Less lit areas  
- Less travelled areas
• DACA – Presidential Order, not a statute
• Sanctuary Campus – petition to declare Texas State a “sanctuary campus”
• Active Shooter Workshops – UPD is willing to come to the departments for training
• Facilitated Dialogues – provide resources of guidelines/rules for civil dialogues in multicultural institution

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm
~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter