

Faculty Senate Agenda
Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Senators: Agwuele, Bell-Metereau, Blunk, Conroy, Covington, Czyzewska, Feakes, Hindson, Jimenez, Payne, Sriraman, Weill

Guests: Kelsey Bradshaw, *University Star* reporter; Robyn Diaz, Alkek Library liaison; Associate Vice President Thorne

Information:

- Senator Morris stepping down for health reasons; Dr. Janet Butler will serve.

- Council of Academic Deans 2/18 Report, Conroy
Assistant Provost Opheim corrected an error in the *University Star* report on the Faculty Senate meeting with the regents; Senator Conroy will attend the system meeting.
Parking policy on special events is in keeping with president's directive to monetize all parking spaces on campus; departments can issue up to ten visitor passes.
The policy on graduate assistant employment, with 9-hour requirement for graduate students in summer school, is under revision.
Annual employee of the year description has gone forward to regents, now as a lifetime achievement award; staff council will handle this procedure.

- Adjunct Faculty Committee 2/14 Report (Feakes)
Goal is to create orientations in August and January, with reports on ongoing training; distribute jump drive (rather than physical printouts) with information also on the webpage; have taped orientation available online; Adjunct faculty expressed strong interest in online course development. Adjuncts will meet with Dr. Thorne and Dr. Nielsen.
Names of non-tenured/non-tenure track faculty who deserve recognition should be submitted to website in a few sentences with a picture.
Adjunct faculty would like career-track and consistency across campus.

- Texas State University System Council of Faculty Senates 2/14 Report, Conroy, Payne
Vice Chancellor was informative on funding, outcomes-based funding, by which Texas State will benefit, regardless of the formula.
Low enrollment programs were not a large concern for Texas State.
"Be on time" graduation program did not have enough qualified students apply, so money went to UT and Baylor. The program is not automatic, so students must apply. Academic advisors and faculty should alert students.
There was discussion of tuition funds used for need-based scholarships.

Assistant VP for International Affairs position, Dr. Debbie Thorne

Assistant Vice President for International Affairs will refocus from student

recruiting and programming to compliance with federal requirements. This person will oversee international office, intensive English program (self-supporting); and accreditation for an intensive English program. The Thornton International House facilitates collaboration. The university will coordinate with state- and national-level consortia and develop partnerships with entities that support internationalization. Texas State has a low percentage of international students. The primary goals are to promote global learning experience, bring more international students here, and have more Texas State students abroad. Senate suggested that tuition for Mexican students should be publicized.

Old Business

- Parking Ticket Appeals Committee appointments – parking appeals office with monthly meetings; will engage liaison network and send out a call
- Piper Award eligibility question wording approved
- Senate election protocol (pen and ink change deleting references to “election committee” will CHANGE TO “senate”; second Friday of March sometimes during spring break (CHANGE TO: no later than March...the senate); A candidate receiving majority of votes will be considered elected
CHANGE “Within two weeks of” to “After”
CHANGE “April” to “May”

New Business

- Senator Weill will take minutes for 2/26 meeting with senate liaisons
Topics: staff hiring freeze impacts; academic affairs budgeting; bus services and commuter matching; Round Rock campus and dual campus issues; request for liaisons’ ideas for PAAG topics
Senator Weill will take minutes
- Concern from Sociology Dept. about graduate thesis advisors. Dean of Graduate School will discuss with Sociology (some graduate faculty not listed as eligible); after the dean’s meeting with Sociology, senate may RTA
- University College requested representation on suspension appeals committee, RTA
- Faculty concern about parking at Pleasant Street garage: police cars parked there for special events, even though there were cones
- Enforcement of non-smoking
- Summative review of chairs, RTA

Approval of 2/12/14 minutes

6:00 Adjournment