Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending
Senators: Bahram Asiabanpour, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Elizabeth Bishop, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Dana García, Ting Liu, Vince Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Alex White
Guests: Selene Hinojosa (Library), Katie Burrell (University Star)

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

Full Senate Meeting Agenda, to be held Feb. 15 in Alkek 105-106
In anticipation of the meeting, possible agenda items were discussed.
- TRIO programs (Bishop) – McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program
  - How would this info benefit departments as they prepare strategic plans?
  - Have grad coordinators actively sought McNair scholars?
- Academic Freedom Committee
- NYT site license
- Ombudsman (future PAAG item)
- Issues brought from faculty, which will be solicited by e-mail

Academic Freedom Committee work group report (handout; Luizzi) was discussed. Committee was asked to make revisions and also incorporate a model for how the Academic Freedom Committee might be configured.

Senate Fellow work group report (handout; Ogletree) was discussed. Committee was asked to make revisions and take the discussion into consideration.

Returned to agenda items
- Regents Rules change requests – none proposed
- Equity and Access Committee faculty representative – Dr. Mileski (College of Health Professions) proposed and endorsed for a two-year term.
- UPPS 03.04.05 Facilities and Administration Costs (F&A or Indirect) (Asiabanpour)
  - Oversimplifies matters with the potential for problems
  - Proposal to invite Dr. Horton to a future Senate meeting for clarification
- Handbook Committee and University Ombudsman’s role
  - Question about search committee for ombudsman – meeting will be called by provost
  - Handbook committee - let the handbook committee look at three modules per year, but keep the committee intact. Proposal to review the purpose of handbook committee

Policy review request – Senator Bowman volunteered to review UPPS 04.01.0, Security of Texas State Information Resources

Council of Academic Deans report
- Hiring freeze update – handout from Mr. Algoe
- Pending return to BC/BS from United Health
- DACA workshop scheduled for 2/11
- Faculty time-use study from U of Maryland
  Design was perceived as weak. Great ambivalence about the study.
- Student resolution requiring mental health services statement on syllabi
Proposal that a TRACS course folder could automatically be populated with boilerplate material, making it unnecessary to singly incorporate all the legally required and material suggested by policy that is expanding the length and reducing the utility of our syllabi.

- New comprehensive and searchable policy page will be launched Feb. 20 replacing the PPS index currently located on Provost’s web site.

**Council of Chairs 2/1 report**

Budget challenges motivating Instructional Technology’s move to mono platform classrooms will be deliberated by a committee of departmental chairs.

**Approval of Feb. 1 meeting minutes**

Minutes were unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:59 PM

~Minutes submitted by Dana García