

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Senators present: Agwuele, Bell-Metereau, Blunk, Cavitt, Feakes, Furney, Hindson, Jimenez, Payne, Sriraman, Weill

Guests: Robyn Diaz, Alkek Library liaison; Kelsey Bradshaw, *University Star* reporter

Council of Academic Deans 3/18 meeting report (Feakes)

- Heather Galloway reported on honors classes and faculty recruitment; instructional space usage reports that Texas State uses space at maximum, with less efficient room usage at the Round Rock campus, and early 8-9 am; 5 & 6:30 pm; Friday afternoon classes on both campuses.
- Discussion of senate-proposed revisions to PPS1.10 role of chairs/directors summative reviews: considered creating summative review committee; faculty senator from outside the college attending all meetings was one of the issues discussed. This will be topic at joint meeting, with some deans opposed to anonymous comments.
- Undergraduate admissions report shows increases.
- Graduate stipend increased by \$2000 for 9-month appointment, restricted to GIAs and GTAs from instructional funds.
- There will be 3% merit pool for faculty and staff this year, and increasing staff lines 2006-2014 from Academic Affairs.
- Summer deficit (non-covered costs) adjunct lines will be permanently allocated.

University Lecturers Committee report, Dr. Amanda Boutot

- Met March 4 and recommended 8 proposals for \$25,010 of \$27,000 total funding
 - Library request was for faculty, not students, so committee had concerns about funding coming from student fees
 - Rubric had 6 indicators, but there is no specific one for student connection
 - No mention of matching funds in the rubric, although it's in the call for proposals
- Senate asked the committee to return with proposed revisions to the rubric.

Online Development Leave Application Demonstration, Karen Marshall and Radha Sreedharane
Portal is dynamic; administrator can change instructions, questions, and all can be done online and turned into a PDF, transferred to TRACS and printed. Faculty will be able to answer questions completely online, indicating status of the application. Faculty can upload PDF files and copy and paste in some categories. Clicking electronic signature sends it to chair and applicant. Administrator home shows application and documents all in one PDF, which may be sent to senate, put on TRACS. Recommendation for future would be a way to enter ratings electronically. Administrator could add delegate users. Once people start using the system, tweaks may be requested and implemented.

Part-time teaching award

Call for nominations was distributed. Tuesday, 10 submissions already. Open to 75% and below FTE faculty. Will check on those between 75 and 99% in future. Liaisons and Adjunct Faculty Committee members from each college will meet to evaluate college nominations and return results to the committee.

Senate Elections: Senate sent first email for willingness to be on ballot. Full election starts next Monday.

Perceptions of administrators surveys will go out soon. Chair/director survey went out in January/February, and dean survey will go out soon.

CAD joint meeting will be rescheduled; senate will look at an April date or meet during CAD 1:30-3:30 Tuesday.

April 2 is PAAG meeting.

Minutes for 3/5/14 approved.

5:45 Adjournment