Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Alkek 105/106, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending
Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Ting Liu, Vincent Luizzi, Shirley Ogletree, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vivek Shah, Shane Smith, Alex White
Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks
Liaisons: Moonis Ali (Computer Science), Bahram Asiabanpour (Ingram School of Engineering), Angela Ausbrooks (Social Work), Sarah Blue (Geography), Carrie Boden-McGill (Occupational, Workforce & Leadership Studies), Ann Burnette (Communication Studies), Kyong Hee Chee (Sociology), Hunter Close (Physics), Peter Dedek (Family & Consumer Sciences), David Falleur (Clinical Laboratory Science), Selin Guney (Agriculture), Ted Hindson (Political Science), Selene Hinojosa (Library), Matt Hood (Finance & Economics), Todd Hudnall (Chemistry & Biochemistry), Farzan Irani (Communication Disorders), Emily Payne (Curriculum & Instruction), Chris Russian (Respiratory Care), Robert Rutledge (Accounting), 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 and Senate Liaisons
Presentation by Senate Chair Conroy on function and duties of senate
• Faculty Constitution amendment referendum
  -Introduction of referendum
  -Discussion of initiatives to support Nontenure Line Faculty, including NLF Workload Release Program and Part-time Teaching Excellence awards
  -Senators and Liaisons will be asked to verify list of faculty voters for each department before online voting on referendum begins (Nov. 9-16)
  -At least 2/5 of all faculty voters must vote and 2/3 of votes have to be cast in favor for the amendment to be ratified
• Faculty concerns reported by liaisons
  -Panic button for classroom media cabinets
  -Academic freedom
  -Increasing amount of bureaucracy and red tape particularly related to international travel
  -Environmental concerns related to Bobcat Trail
  -Salary compression and competitive salaries
  -Campus safety especially on weeknights and weekends
  -Bus service
  -The substantial research startup funds that some recent hires received have created research expectation challenges for associate professor hired without the same level of support
  -Class sizes increasing
  -Low participation rates in online course evaluations
  -Strategies for recruitment of high achieving NLF
  -Request for shift of custodial work schedules to avoid interference with students and faculty

Piper Award Committee report. Eugene Curtin, chair
Senate endorsed recommendations from the Piper Award Committee. There was discussion of eliminating personal information on the internal application form that is required on the Piper Foundation form.
Information items
- Senators are asked to upload their FDL review spreadsheet to the Development Leave TRACS site by Oct. 31
- Senate discussion of FDL proposals is scheduled for Nov. 2
- UPPS 01.04.05 Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Senator Ogletree)
- Two faculty members identified for University Copyright Committee
- Senators were encouraged to contact departments in their colleges without senators to offer to attend a department meeting to introduce themselves, give a brief update on senate activities, and to answer any questions about the role of the senate.

Approval of Oct. 12 meeting minutes
Minutes approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm
~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter