

Faculty Senate Minutes - DRAFT  
Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, JCK 880

Minutes @ <http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/about/59th-senate-minutes.html>

**Attending Senators:**

Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Scott Bowman, Natalie Ceballos, Michel Conroy (via telephone), Vince Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, Shane Smith, Diego Vacaflores, Alex White

**Liaisons and guests:**

Selene Hinojosa (Library), Karen Sigler (Library), Shayan Faradineh (*University Star*), Connor Clegg

**Announcements:**

- August 23<sup>rd</sup> luncheon. 12-1:30 new faculty luncheon
- 1<sup>st</sup> Faculty Senate meeting of Fall 2017 will be August 30<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6 pm
- A faculty member has requested a change in school policy: Students with an alcohol or drug emergency should be able to call in without risking punishment based on zero tolerance policy. The administration is consulting with counsel.

**Development Leave Policies:**

- Discussion of proposed revised policy changes recommended by ad hoc committee of one dean and one chair and two faculty members:
- List anticipated outcomes and refer to list in the report. Indicate work involving outside entities, book contract, visiting a lab, etc.
- Recommended application includes letter of support. Reporting dates are moved up. Senate recommended March 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall leave report.
- Instructions include directions to faculty to consult with the department chair.

**University / Senate Committees**

Honor Code Council: LA & AA appointed

**Student Government Initiative:**

- Connor Clegg reported that 65% of students do not buy textbooks because of cost. Student government proposes a pilot program phasing in OER's Creative Commons license (as do Rice, Trinity, Kansas, U Mass, SUNY system, etc.)
- Senate will consult with faculty and departments on the issue.

**Senate Goals for 2017 – 2018:**

- Senate will work to be proactive and, as a group, determine actions that will make a difference in the quality of life for faculty.
- Senators suggested possible survey and strategic plan (as departments have).
- Senate will reexamine work of the senate and seek to streamline procedures.
- Suggested goal: Build faculty community
- Suggested strategy: Get a new dining room for faculty, or activity center
- Method: Colloquium sessions with faculty from across campus to discuss issues

**RTA goals:** Senators will bring at least one goal and strategy to next meeting.

**Perception Survey of Deans:**

Janet Bezner will work with Oren Renick to clarify purpose and use of the survey.

**Around the Table:**

- Conroy reported as representative to coalition for intercollegiate athletics. Paul Gowens is representative for NCAA injuries in sport.
- Kathryn Moore is Academic Freedom representative; Renee Wendel is non-tenure representative.
- Heather Galloway sent language to include about Honors College.

**4:57 Approval of Minutes from 6/14/17**

**5:00 Adjournment**

**Minutes submitted by Rebecca Bell-Metereau**