

Faculty Senate 2017 - 2019 Selected Accomplishments

1. Reviewed and suggested revisions to over 125 university policies in 2017-2018 and over 80 policies in 2018-2019, including changes to the faculty sick leave and criminal background check policies.
2. Reviewed and recommended 52 Faculty Development Leave applications in 2017-2018 and 49 in 2018-2019 for approval. Recommended 10 Workload Release applications in 2017-2018 and 11 in 2018-2019.
3. Reviewed and endorsed awards related to the following peer review processes: Academic Computing, [Research Enhancement Grants](#), [Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release](#), [University Lecturers Series](#), [Part-Time Faculty Teaching Awards](#), and the [Piper Professor and Everette Swinney Teaching Awards](#).
4. Revised the Faculty Senate web form to improve communication with faculty.
5. Worked with University Marketing to improve access to university logos for academic use.
6. Worked with VPFS to improve the Jones Faculty and Staff dining space. Senator Conroy donated pieces of art that were added to the room.
7. Worked with Information Technology to improve communication and increase the amount of faculty input into the decision for the new Learning Management System.
8. Worked with the Chief Research Officer to create a plan for continuous improvement of the Institutional Review Board process.
9. Worked with the Academic Governance Committee to study the state of shared governance on campus.
10. Faculty Senators served as impartial observers in 6 Chair and Director summative reviews in 2017-2018 and 8 in 2018-2019, and chaired committees conducting one Academic Dean summative review in 2017-2018.
11. Met with all of the Dean of Education candidates to discuss shared governance issues.
12. Charged the Academic Freedom Committee to develop a policy on cyber harassment.
13. Formed a task force to review and make recommendations for policies and training to address academic intimidation.
14. Supported a Faculty Senate Fellow in 2018-2019, Dr. Araceli Ortiz, whose efforts focused on the Senate theme, Building Community and hosted a program on Strengthening Community through Faculty Diversity in February 2019.
15. Advocated with PAAG for increased funding for the Academic Computing Committee to support new technology proposals.
16. Hosted a program for faculty on Strengthening Community through Faculty Diversity in February 2019.
17. Collaborated with the Associate Provost to provide an opportunity for the Senate to have input into major academic policy revisions early in the review process.
18. Continued to publish the Faculty Senate Bulletin to keep faculty aware of key information, and in Fall of 2018 began publicizing upcoming University Lecturers events.

19. Celebrated the Senate's Diamond Anniversary with a reception and installation of Professor Michel Conroy's art in the Faculty and Staff Dining Room in Jones Diner.