

**Faculty Senate
Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

Senators Present: Melzer, Conroy, Czyzewska, Cavitt, McClellan, Wilson, Furney, Payne, Feakes, Blunk, Hindson, Sriraman, Ash

Guests: Sigler, DeSalvo

Call to Order

1. Announcements

a. CAD

- i. The T & P Calendar will be changed beginning with the 2013-2014 calendar. Faculty will be asked to declare their intention to apply for tenure and/or promotion and, if appropriate, to provide names of possible external reviewers in June. [June 15?]
- ii. There was a discussion of increasing content about cancer awareness in classrooms across the University.
- iii. The Deans discussed the creation of UPPS 7.07.03 regarding student employment procedures, including the requirement to post public job descriptions for student worker positions.

b. COC

- i. The Vice Chair reported on the Council of Chairs meeting. The Associate Provost presented information on revisions to PPS 6.11, newly created UPPS 7.07.03, and updates on the tenure and promotion process. There will be an electronic portfolio pilot this spring, with an eye to implementing it for annual evaluations in Spring 2014.
- ii. The Registrar reported on the pilot program in 2 departments for Fall 2012 registration of wait listing students for closed classes.,

c. Presidential Awards selection committees need replacement members to represent several colleges.

d. The University Curriculum Committee will make a presentation to the Senate on Sept 26.th

e. The Chair will circulate the Academic Computing Committee survey and asked Senators to review it for a possible future discussion.

f. Correct placement of definition of “Faculty Voters” and “Personnel Committee Voter” – There was a question regarding whether the definition of Personnel

Committee voting status belongs in the Constitution or in the *Faculty Handbook*. It was clarified that the “Faculty Voter” definition belongs in the Constitution, but the definition of “Personnel Committee Voter” should be included only in the *Handbook*.

- g. The T & P Calendar for 2012-13 was reviewed.
2. Faculty Voter Appeal and Discussion
- a. Appealing the decision reached by the Senate last week, a faculty member discussed his/her current administrative role, which the Senate held made him/her a non-voting member of the Personnel Committee based on his/her administrative position outside of the college for 50% of the faculty member’s workload. The decision stood.
 - b. A draft of a Policy and Procedures Statement for reviewing appeals was discussed, with Senators offering suggestions for revision.
3. Old Business
- a. Alkek Parking Garage petition regarding avian waste – Dennis Smart will present on this to the Senate on 9/19/12. Returned to the agenda for next week.
 - b. An examination of the latest CUPA data was returned to the agenda for next week.
 - c. The Policy and Procedures for review of Faculty and Personnel Committee Voting Status Appeals was returned to the agenda for next week.
4. ASG presentation of goals for 2012-13 – Cody DeSalvo, Special Assistant to the ASG President
- a. Presentation of ASG goals
 - i. ASG hopes to develop a relationship with the Senate to help address their goals for an academically-centered legislative agenda.
 - ii. Nathan McDaniel is President and Alison Sibley, Vice-President. Their administration has developed four goals.
 - 1. Research Travel Grant for Undergraduate and Graduate students – ASG would like to support more research-based student travel. There is a budget of \$25,000 for this program, provided by a one-time allocation from student service fees. ASG would like guidance from the Senate on an inclusive definition of research and on possible methods of evaluating the proposals.
 - 2. HB 2504 Site Reform – ASG would like to streamline the site to make it a more useful resource for students.

3. Improvement of the University's Student Profile – ASG would like to raise the academic profile of the average Texas State student.
 4. Legislative Session – ASG would like to be active in supporting the students' best interests in the upcoming State legislative session.
 - b. Tobacco Policy
 - i. In 2009-2010, ASG had a resolution to ban smoking on campus, but it failed. In 2010-2011, the President indicated that a non-smoking policy would be implemented on campus, and the ASG voted to hold a referendum on the implementation of the policy. In 2012-2013, the ASG was informed that the policy came from the Board of Regents, and so the referendum was not held, as the policy was no longer within the purview of the university. It was suggested by the Faculty Senate that the ASG provide the President with their input into how the policy should be enforced.
5. New Business and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Football ticket discount – A faculty member asked why discounts for tickets were not available for faculty. Based on previous discussions with the President, it was clarified that there will not be a discount on football tickets for the faculty this year.
 - b. The Adjunct Faculty Committee will meet 9/21 and forming a task force to draft a policy for the proposed Provost's teaching award for part-time faculty will be on the agenda.
 - c. A constituent asked if the University ever considered taking the full week of Thanksgiving off. This had been done in the distant past, but the legislated semester start date precludes the possibility now. The Senate will invite Dr. Heintze to discuss calendar issues (a commencement ceremony within 2 hours of the last final exam, an unequal number of T/Th classes, final exam scheduling for evening classes, etc.).
 - d. A Senator shared a faculty member's comment that they would like the Faculty Senate to take up the cause of faculty wellness by asking the university to offer classes, faculty lockers and shower facilities. Also, they would like one or two faculty-centered food courts, with new and healthier food choices. This was returned to the agenda for next week.
 - e. A faculty member shared a concern about the new campus temperature setting standards, which in his office, make it uncomfortably warm during hot weather.
 - f. Minutes approved: Aug 13, 2012 Aug 29, 2012, and Sept 5, 2012

Adjournment