

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, January 27, 2016
JCK 888, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Ju Long, Audrey McKinney, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Administrators: Associate Provost Opheim

Guests: Faculty Senate liaison Selene Hinojosa (Library); Georgeann Calzada (PACE Advisor); Lesly De Leon (*University Star*)

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Senate Chair Conroy

Presentation

- Associate Provost Opheim recognized Senator Ogletree for being our nominee for Professor of the Year by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and presented her with a commendation from the CASE organization.

Information Items

- Vice Chancellor John Hayek's visit-Thursday, January 28, 1:30 Regents Room
- COSE dean candidate luncheons-Feb. 9, 16, 23 (Tuesdays), Flowers 230
- PAAG schedule-Feb. 10, March 2, April 6, May 4
- Joint CAD/Senate meeting-Wednesday, March 9, 3:30-5:00, Reed Parr Room
- University Leadership Assembly, Wednesday, April 20, 4:00, Reed Parr Room
- Texas State and Council of Faculty Senates meeting-February 26

Council of Academic Deans 1/19 meeting report

- The restricted research expenditures report indicates Texas State is over a year ahead of projected schedule to achieve the expenditures benchmark required for NRU status
- Final enrollment numbers for Fall 2015 show a total enrollment of 37,979. The first year students enrollment target for Fall 2016 is a 1.5% increase
- Addition of 2 commencements, with the optimum number for each commencement set at 550 students graduating

University Lectures Series application deadline

- February 11 deadline for application for funding up to \$3,000 for Fall 2016 and 2017 visiting lecturers.

UPPS/PPS reviews

PPS 2.18 Curriculum Committees (McKinney)

UPPS 08.03.03 Campus Memorials (Feb. 5)-Bowman

Committee appointments

- Presidential Award for Service selection committee, CHP representative replacement (2017) will be Teresa Bachman (Physical Therapy)
- University Performing Arts Committee, at-large member nominee is Bob McLean (Dept. of Biology)

- Commencement Team senate representative will be Senator White

Retirement and Benefit Programs Inquiry

- Discussion regarding a joint meeting of Retirement and Benefits Committee and HR to discuss the development of a survey instrument to regularly data gather and assess faculty knowledge of, and satisfaction with, retirement investment options

Jefferson Davis highway marker update (Weill)

- Letter from Juan Guerra, former Associate VP Facilities, indicates Hays County Historical Commission interested in partnering with Texas State to develop a course of action to remove/relocate marker

February Bulletin draft

- A Faculty Senate memo on campus carry will be distributed independently
Campus Carry statements from department faculty
-Received from Geography, Finance and Economics, Anthropology, History, Psychology, Sociology, and Modern Languages

Inquiries from faculty

- Presidential awards and research faculty-discussion regarding current ineligibility of research faculty for presidential awards
- Alma mater revision-Senate recommends the revision "...aiding the oppressed" to the second line of the last verse, pending no legal/copyright ramifications or a preponderance of objections from other constituencies
- Discussion of propriety of informing students of elections/voting/registration opportunities
- Discussion of the need of hearing impaired students for interpreters for questions after class or during office hours
- Discussion concerning Research Enhancement proposal feedback. The rubric score sheets will be archived in the Office of Sponsored Programs. Faculty should contact Dr. Michael Blanda to access the scoring sheets for their proposals.
- Discussion regarding question of new faculty dining facilities
- Discussion of environmental failures concerning Bobcat Trail

Approval of December 2 meeting minutes

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter