

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 4:00 – 6:00 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, Jesse Gainer, Dana Garcia, Vince Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, David Nolan, Shane Smith, Ting Liu, Alex White, Diego Vacaflares, Michel Conroy

Liaisons and guests: Selene Hinojosa (Library), Shayan Faradineh (*University Star*)

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Mace bearer assignments: Mace Bearer schedule now asks for a bio for President Truth (including degree info, field, list of recent publications). Tentative assignments were made for Fall and Spring.

Key dates:

- PAAG: 9/13, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6 (Regent's Room), 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 (Regent's Room)
- Liaison's Meeting: 10/18 (Reed Parr Room)
- Immunity/Amnesty in case of Alcohol and/or Drug Emergency: revised policy has been drafted, for review.

Faculty development leave proposal: This cycle there will be ten supplemental awards, which have become highly competitive.

- Portal opens Sept. 1
- Senators should advise faculty on preparing applications
- By Sept. 15, applicants are required to speak to chair or director
- Oct. 2 @ 5:00 pm deadline to submit application via portal deadline

CAD summary:

- University goal is to increase graduate student enrollment and encourage new Masters programs
- Round Rock incentive and travel policy is under review for spring.
- Sick leave reporting was audited; university and faculty are not filing sick leave appropriately; campaign this year encourages compliance.
- Graduate College office, admissions and student services offices were flooded and vacated; they are communicating through email
- Step up for State: disaster relief crowdsourcing fund
- Nontenure line faculty (NLF) orientation was successful, with 52 attending three sessions
- NLF invited to first Program for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship (PETS) session; appreciation reception will take place at the Wittliff Gallery 9/14/2017, 4 – 6 PM
- Promote Step up for State: Sept 21, 22, donation tables will be stationed at library, quad, and elsewhere

Academic governance survey: Ethical decision-making; support of academic governance, administrative atmosphere; and faculty trust open-ended questions will be included. Results will match rating and open comments, without identifying specific deans. Committee will analyze spreadsheet. Senate approved Academic Governance Committee's plan for survey, attaching open-ended questions to regular deans survey.

Review of [UPPS 07.04.05](#)

- Senate discussed the lack of a university comprehensive assembly activities policy in light of Charlottesville and Dr. Trauth's statement at convocation
- University task force will be appointed to develop campus speaker policy.
- Senate will request that the Faculty Senate, Academic Freedom Committee, and if possible, University Lecturers Committee representatives be included on this task force.
- No policy for outside speakers is yet approved. Dean-level approval could be necessary if activity requires extra security. Phi Beta Kappa requires a campus speakers policy and a PBK chapter is one of the NRU status requirements.
- Matt Flores, media relations, may weigh in on student group and department communications.

Concerns from faculty: Senate recommends parking for *emeriti* faculty who return to teach per course.

- College of Business questions policy of revoking free parking sticker if the faculty member returns to teach one class. Faculty who wish to teach a class after they retire should be alerted that currently they will no longer be considered "retired" in this regard.
- Per course faculty often have to wait in line to purchase permits in person. Senate will recommend to parking services and the Council of Chairs that department/school lists of confirmed per course faculty appointments to that these lecturers are able to participate in on-line payment system.

Concerns from faculty for next week's agenda:

- Board of Regents meetings and compliance with open meetings law, website presence
- Parking on campus, including expense, quantity, and possible improvements

Policies for review:

- Aug 31 AAPPS 04.02.20 Tenure and Promotion Review
- Sep 8 UPPS 04.04.11 University Classification and Compensation Policy

Discussion of FS goals and initiatives for 2017 – 2018:

After discussion of possible goals and initiatives, the chair proposed the general framework of strengthening community in the three domains of faculty, university, and communities beyond the university. Further discussion will explore specific goals, strategies, and measurable results.

RTA: Discussion of goals and initiatives

RTA: Approval of July minutes

Adjournment at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Rebecca Bell-Metereau