**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

JCK 880, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Attending** **Senators**: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Natalie Ceballos, Joellen Coryell; Rachel Davenport, Jennifer Jensen, Vince Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, Stan McClellan, David Nolan, Michael Supancic, Nicole Wesley.

**Guests**: Stephanie Towery (Library), Senate Fellow Shannon Duffy

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Senate Chair Bezner

**Discussion of Faculty Senate 2019-2020 Goal/Objectives**

Senators discussed the potential 2019-2020 goals and objectives to address in the coming year. Discussion centered on diversity and inclusion and working with the Multicultural Transformation Institute to increase and support diversity and inclusion on campus. Senate Chair Bezner will craft a goal and objectives and the full senate will discuss it during the next senate meeting.

**Committee Appointments**

Senators discussed the possible replacement chairs to head the Academic Standards Committee and the Faculty Handbook Committee. Senators discussed two possible candidates. Each candidate will be contacted by the senate to confirm acceptance of the position.

The senate has been asked by Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, to recommend a faculty member to serve on the Managing Textbook Costs Committee. Senator Martin volunteered to serve on the committee.

**Senate Bulletin**

After discussing which items to include in the September 2019 Faculty Senate Bulletin, senators decided that the bulletin will showcase fall application due dates, Fulbright Scholars, faculty perceptions of administrators, the new Faculty Senate Fellow, University Lecturers Series, Student Diversity Week (September 24 - 28), committee appointments, how to contact the Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate goals, and the 2019-2020 faculty senators.

**Appoint Senator to serve on Commencement Team**

The university commencement team has requested that a faculty senator be included on the team. Senator Supancic volunteered to serve on the team.

**Policy review**

One policy, UPPS-04-05-16 Campus Stormwater Management, is due for a full review and is due 9 August. Senator Jensen volunteered to review the policy.

**Announcement**

Funded by the Faculty Senate, the Office of Equity and Inclusion, and Philosophy Dialogues, Dr. Julie A. Reuben will speak on-campus in Comal 116 at 2:00 p.m. on 24 October. Dr. Reuben, the Charles Warren Professor of the History of American Education in the Harvard Graduate School of Education, is interested in the intersection between American thought and culture and educational institutions and practice. She has published articles on the history of academic freedom, affirmative action, student activism and the history of civics in public schools.

**Senate Questions**

Senators discussed the follow-up to a question submitted by a faculty member concerning statements made by a Texas Congressman concerning a former Texas State student. The senate responded to the faculty member with additional information from the administration to clarify and explain the issue.

**Piper Professor**

The faculty call for Piper Professor nominations will be released the first week in August. Piper Professor applications should be submitted via the Faculty Requests portal, which will be available through September 23. Senators were asked to remind colleagues of the new date.

**FDL and NLFWR**

The faculty call for Faculty Development Leave and Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release will be in late August. Applications are due 1 October for FDL and 8 October for NLFWR. Faculty should meet with a senator before applying. Senators were asked to remind colleagues of the dates and procedures for applying.

**REP**

Research Enhancement Program proposals are due October 9. Senators were asked to work with and remind colleagues of the due date and procedures for applying.

**Tenure Track Faculty Orientation Breakfast**

Senators were reminded of the August 21, new tenure track faculty orientation breakfast. All senators are invited to attend and meet the new tenure track faculty.

**Approval of Minutes**

June 26, 2019 Faculty Senate minutes were unanimously approved.

**Discussion of Round Rock campus**

Senators discussed the President and cabinet meetings on the Round Rock Campus once a month starting this fall. There will also be town halls hosted by the president, provost, and members of the cabinet. Senators discussed planning a senate meeting on the Round Rock Campus once each semester. Details will be discussed at the next senate meeting this fall.

**NLFC Reception**

Senators discussed the Wednesday, September 18, Nontenure Line Faculty Committee Reception to be held in JCK 1100 at 5:00 p.m. Senators agreed to hold the senate meeting that day from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to be able to attend the reception.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by David Nolan