**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Zoom Meeting, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Attending Senators:** Taylor Acee, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Stacey Bender, Janet Bezner, Rachel Davenport, Jennifer Jensen, Lynn Ledbetter, Vincent Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, Stan McClellan, Roque Mendez, Andrew Ojede, Michael Supancic, Nicole Wesley

**Guests:** Tina Marie Cade, Ray Cordero, Dana Fitzpatrick, Carolina Benavides, Catherine Hawkins, J D Jamieson, Augustine Agwuele, Christine Sellers, Lucia Summers Rodriguez, Scott Pope (Library).

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Senate Chair Bezner

**Presentation of TRIO McNair Program**
Ray Cordero, Dr. Dana Fitzpatrick, Carolina Benavides, and Toni Moreno attended to provide a presentation of the TRIO Program including existing programs at Texas State and upcoming proposal submissions. Ms. Moreno provided an overview of the writing process and next steps for a TRIO McNair grant. Ms. Moreno solicited faculty input on the grant writing process to brainstorm what McNair scholar support would look like at Texas State. The brainstorming process will involve bi-monthly meetings and faculty interested in the McNair program are encouraged to attend to provide input about resources and support that would help and/or encourage their participation as McNair mentors.

**Personnel Committee Policy**
Senators discussed the proposed Personnel Committee Policy provided by the Academic Governance Committee.

**Senate Liaisons from University and Honors Colleges.**
Senators approved a motion to revise the Senate Standing Rules to allow the identification of Senate liaisons from University and Honors Colleges.

**Restorative Justice Training and Participating Senators**Senators volunteered to participate and represent the Faculty Senate cohort for restorative justice sessions facilitated by Life Anew. The cohort will be comprised of senators Martin, Ledbetter, Davenport, Bell-Metereau, Luizzi, Ojede, Acee, and Bezner.

**Texas Council of Faculty Senates Spring 2021 Meeting**Senators Bezner, Ledbetter, Jensen, and Davenport volunteered to attend the February 26-27 virtual meeting of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates.

**Assistant VP of Curriculum and Academic Programs Search**
Senator Supancic volunteered to serve on the search committee established to identify an internal faculty applicant for the newly created Assistant VP of Curriculum and Academic Programs. The position was created to replace Ms. Micky Autrey, Director of Curriculum Services who is retiring at the end of January 2021. Ms. Autrey served the university for 26 years and takes with her a wealth of institutional knowledge.

**Faculty Senate Co-sponsorship of Panel Discussion**Senators agreed to co-sponsor, with the Academic Freedom Committee and Philosophy Dialog Series, a panel discussion on February 11, 2021 titled, Where Academic Freedom Ends.

**Policy Review**
UPPS 01.04.40 Reporting Criminal Offenses, due February 2, 2021 (full review and complete rewrite of policy) – Senator Supancic
AA PPS 01.02.33 General Education Council, due February 2, 2021 (pen and ink changes only) – Senator Wesley

**Approval of minutes**
Senators approved the minutes of the December 02, 2020 meeting by email consensus on December 10, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Jensen