

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2015
JCK 880 Room, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Attending

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

Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Administrators: President Trauth, Provost Bourgeois, Associate Provost Opheim

Guests: Faculty Senate liaison Selene Hinojosa (Library); *University Star* reporter Darcy Sprague.

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

PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC ADVISORY GROUP (PAAG)

- Role of Faculty Senate in Campus Carry planning process
 - (1) to encourage participation in open forums
 - (2) to encourage faculty participation in online survey at:
<https://snap2.txstate.edu/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=143950169693>
 - (3) to encourage participation in general dialogue about responsible implementation of the law
 - (4) to help determine if there is faculty interest in training for response to active shooters
- Campus Safety and the next Master Plan iteration
Campus Safety is an ongoing concern, especially in terms of lighting (both too little and too much). The Associate Provost provided information on the process of hiring a firm to conduct the process of formulating the 2017-22 master plan for our campuses.
- Admissions Standards
Admissions Standards are most accurately reflected in the statistics from the Higher Education Accountability Board, rather than in other online rankings of universities. Of the 27,300 completed applications for admission to Texas State this fall, 14,200 were accepted. This represents approximately a 52% acceptance rate. Progress has been made on the NRU requirement that 50% of first-year students ranked in the top quartile of their high school graduating classes. This fall, the figure reached 48%.

Information and follow-up items

- Welcome to Selene Hinojosa, Library Liaison
- Joint meetings
 - Senate Liaisons, October 14, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Alkek 105
 - Council of Academic Deans and Council of Chairs, October 21, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Flowers Hall 230
 - University Leadership Assembly, October 29, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Reed Parr Room
- Council of Deans 9/1 meeting report, Senator Conroy
Topics discussed at the CAD meeting included (1) introduction of new VPIT Kenneth Pierce who has indicated an interest in facilitating the training of faculty in new technology that can be incorporated into the classroom, (2) presentation of a new commencement participation proposal which would change the current policy from students with 9 or fewer hours to be completed to those with only one academic requirement remaining (to be fulfilled the following semester), and (3) announcement that 35 new staff positions have been proposed to the President's Cabinet and decisions will be finalized this week.
- Academic Computing Committee, at-large, non voting co-chair
Filling this position is still in process.
- Mace bearer assignments
There is still one date open for which mace bearer has not been determined: August 12, 6:00 p.m. (AA, Bus. Admin., Grad. Coll.). Senator Bowman offered to carry the mace at the May 14 2:00 ceremony and Senator Garcia volunteered for the August 12, 10 a.m. ceremony.
- Summative review of chairs external observer tentative assignments
 - Rodney Runyan, Family and Consumer Sciences, AA (Weill)
 - Ann Watkins, Accounting, Business (Ogletree)
 - Judy Oskam, SJMC, FA&C (Bell-Metereau)

- Tom Clark, Music, FA&C (White)
- Barbara Sanders, Physical Therapy, HP (Sriraman)
- Gregg Marshall, Respiratory Care, HP (Ross-Gordon)

New Business

- Jefferson Davis Hwy. marker removal inquiry
After much discussion, a motion was made and passed to add this issue (and a senate recommendation to remove the marker) to the next PAAG session.
- ADA compliance and service animals
This topic was returned to the 9/9 agenda.
- Other
Piper Professor Reception is September 22, 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the President's House

Approval of minutes of 8/26/15

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter