

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
JCK Regents Room, 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: President Trauth, Provost Bourgeois, Associate Provost Opheim

Guests: Faculty Senate liaison Selene Hinojosa (Library); Ann Burnette (Communication Studies)

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

PRESIDENT’S ACADEMIC ADVISORY GROUP (PAAG)

- New TSUS Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
 - Dr. John Hayek’s appointment is met with optimism and we look forward to working with him
- Possible future legislative items
 - Discussion of Hazlewood legislation and impact at Texas State, with specific emphasis on the legacy portion and the cost of this program
- Jefferson Davis Memorial Hwy. marker inquiry
 - Conversations with TXDOT concerning the possible removal of this marker
 - The marker is currently on Texas State property that is part of the TXDOT right of way.
- Round Rock Recycling
 - After looking into recycling at the Round Rock campus, the containers have been taken out of storage and placed strategically
- Modern States Education Alliance, “First Year Free”
 - A public web page explaining the program and its specific implementation at Texas State has been posted: <http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/about/faq/modernstates-faq.html>
- Academic Affairs Budget Priorities Report
 - Provost Bourgeois indicated a slight shift in priorities including merit, new tenure line positions, equity raises/adjustments for faculty, and new staff positions

Software Alert System Possibility (VPIT Kenneth Pierce)

- Possibilities are being explored to implement a discreet alert system

University Research Enhancement Committee Recommendations Action

- The Senate voted to accept the recommendations from the University Research Enhancement Committee

Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release Recommendations Action

- The Senate voted to approve the move of 2 applicants from the fall semester to the spring semester

Information Items

- All faculty are invited to participate in the following webcast: *Adjunct Faculty Recruitment, Development, and Retention* on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 12:00-1:30 p.m., JCK 880
- Campus Carry statements from department faculty
 - Received from Geography and Economics and Finance

-Discussion of how to proceed after receipt of these statements, with particular emphasis on the possibility of responding by publishing a December or January bulletin point indicating that the Faculty Senate had issued a public statement opposing the pending legislation in March

- December Bulletin draft discussion

Approval of November 18 meeting minutes

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter