**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Reed Parr Room, JCK 1100, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Attending** **Senators**: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Natalie Ceballos, Rachel Davenport, Jesse Gainer, Jennifer Jensen, Lynn Ledbetter, Benjamin Martin, Stan McClellan, David Nolan, Michael Supancic, Diego Vacaflores, Nicole Wesley.

**Attending Liaisons**: Beth Biggan, Amy Benton, Ann Burnette, Hunter Close, Asha Hegde, Paul Jante, James Keefe, Omar Lopez, Ranjini Mohan, Sheri Mora, Danette Myers, Tom Patterson, Jason Reed, In Hyouk Song, Pratheesh Sudhakaran, Rich Warms.

**Guests**: Mickey Autrey, Marla Erbin-Roesemann, Craig Hanks, Patrice Werner, Stephanie Towery (Library), Shannon Duffy (Senate Fellow).

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Senate Chair Bezner.

**Full Senate Meeting**

Senate Chair Bezner introduced senators and presented the meeting agenda.

* Faculty Senate Resolution to support affordable learning materials
  + Affordable learning materials presentation to liaisons.
  + Presented senate resolution.
  + Discussion among colleges.
* Draft Personnel Committee Policy
  + Round table discussion of issues and questions concerning the new policy.
* Required Diversity and Inclusion Search Committee Training
  + Presentation of the proposed inclusive search committee training.
  + Discussion and concerns by senators and liaisons.

**Curriculum Committee**

Presentation of University Curriculum Committee proposals to the faculty senate. Michael Supancic, chair of the curriculum committee, introduced the proposed program changes.

Marla Erbin-Roesemann, director, St. David's School of Nursing, discussed the proposal to add a graduate certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (via distance education) and to add a course (NURS 5184) to the program.

Patrice Werner, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, discussed the following proposals:

* Change the Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Studies to a major in Education (Bilingual/Biliteracy Education; Teacher Certification in Early Childhood through Grade Six Core Subjects with Bilingual-Spanish)
* Change the Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Studies to a major in Education (Elementary Education; Teacher Certification in Early Childhood through Grade Six Core Subjects with English as a Second Language)
* Change the Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Studies to a major in Education (Middle Level Education; Teacher Certification in English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies, Grades Four through Eight)
* Change the Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Studies to a major in Education (Middle Level Education; Teacher Certification in Mathematics and Science, Grades Four through Eight)
* Change the Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Studies to a major in Education (Middle Level Education; Teacher Certification in Mathematics, Grades Four through Eight)
* Change the Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Studies to a major in Education (Middle Level Education; Teacher Certification in Science, Grades Four through Eight)
* Change the Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Studies to a major in Education (Middle Level Education; Teacher Certification in Core Subjects, Grades Four through Eight)
* Change the Bachelor of Science major in Interdisciplinary Studies to a major in Education (Special Education; Teacher Certification in Special Education, Early Childhood through Grade Twelve)

Pratheesh Sudhakaran, Department of Agricultural Sciences discussed the following proposals:

* Change the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Agriculture Animal Science to a major in Animal Science
* Change the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Agriculture Animal Science to a major in Animal Science (Pre-Veterinary Concentration)
* Change the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Agriculture Business and Management to a major in Agricultural Business and Management
* Add an undergraduate minor in Agricultural Mechanics

The School of Family and Consumer Sciences did not send a representative to the senate. Senators discussed the proposal to add an undergraduate minor in nutrition.

Jennifer Jensen, Department of Geography, discussed the proposal to add an undergraduate minor in Environmental Studies.

Craig Hanks, Department of Philosophy, discussed the proposal to add an undergraduate minor in Medical Humanities.

Senators discussed the various proposals and asked questions of the presenters. There was a question concerning Open Education Resource (OER) materials for students and their inclusion in proposals.

The senate voted to suspend the rules. The senate voted to approve all proposals.

**Discussion of OER Resolution**

The Faculty Senate has been crafting a resolution supporting the use of Affordable Learning Materials, including Open Educational Resources (OER) at Texas State. Senators discussed the recent changes to the resolution and other issues surrounding their adoption on campus. Senators voted to approve resolution.

**Personnel Committee Policy Discussion**

Senators discussed the feedback received from senate liaisons concerning the proposed personnel committee draft policy. Senators will survey their department faculty for feedback concerning the proposed policy.

**Policy Review**

Assignment of senators to review specific University and Academic Affairs policies:

* AA/PPS 04.01.04 Dean and Chair Hiring. Due March 30, 2020. Senator Jensen.
* UPPS 01.04.33 HIPAA Hybrid Designation. Due March 25, 2020. Senator Davenport.
* UPPS 07.04.02 Posting/Distribution of Literature, Informational Booths and Banners on Campus. Due March 25, 2020. Senator Martin.

**Approval of Minutes**

The March 4, 2020 minutes were approved by senators.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by David Nolan