

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Senate members present: Bell-Metereau, Blunk, Cavitt, Conroy, Covington, Czyzewska, Feakes, Furney, Hindson, Menninger, Morris, Sriraman, Weill, White

Guests: Rebecca Banks, *University Star* reporter

Information and Follow-Up Items

Council of Academic Deans 10/29 meeting report, Conroy

Computer Refresh Cycle and IT issues

- No cuts planned; Dr. Wyatt will visit the senate on 11/13/13
- Faculty must back up their intellectual property that is stored on university computers

Textbook Online Access Codes

Faculty are asked to specifically state in syllabus how online resources that require the purchase of an access code will be used in the course

Presidential Awards subcommittee report, Conroy

Mention of 2013 award summaries was included in Provost's program announcement

Recommendations from subcommittee:

- Require full-time faculty appointment for Presidential Awards. Part-time faculty will be eligible for the Part-time Teaching Awards
- College-level nominees must submit materials for the university-level awards in order to receive the runners-up awards (\$2000)
- Rename runner-up awards
- Require a 150 word summary statement from each nominee on their accomplishments in the award area
- Reduce the number of total exhibits from 10 to 5

Texas State University System Council of Faculty Senates meeting report

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor Perry Moore and attended by representatives from Faculty Senates throughout the system.

- Chancellor Bryan McCall briefly addressed the group pointing out that the system is the 19th largest in nation, the fastest growing, least expensive, and 3rd largest in state. TSUS faculty have 25% more workload than other systems in state.
- Senators and interested faculty who would like to receive the system's e-newsletter should notify the senate chair.
- Legislative update from system perspective: TRBs may be renamed or repackaged to gain legislators' support; restructuring of HEAF may be pursued; vice chancellor said he would assist with expediting review of the new edition of the Texas State Faculty Handbook by the system attorney's office.

Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting report

RTA; documents forthcoming; record attendance

Faculty Development Leave proposal review (continued)

Completed review of 49 proposals. Rubric scores will be forwarded to Valerie Anderson to compile and calculate each candidate's average score. The results will be forwarded to the Provost and will next be reviewed by the deans.

Old Business

Discussion items for Nov. 6 meeting with Dr. Opheim

- Part-time teaching award
- Eligibility of Interim/Acting Chairs for Development Leave prior to step down
- Summative Review of Chairs
- Update TK20 e-portfolio
- Length of PPS review period
- Supplemental grant clarification (evaluation of grant applications)

The librarians and curators achieved a consensus that a representative committee be formed to deliberate on a process for reviewing their career ladder.

Senate Standing Rules Revisions: Discussion; will have clean copy 11/6/13 for final vote

New Business

- Grade of U has been enacted for this semester to accommodate federal student financial aid requirements
- AVP Counseling Center Director candidates will be on campus Nov. 13, 14 and 20, 21; open presentations Thursdays at 1:30, Student Center 314.1. Senators have been invited to attend a breakfast with each of the two candidates Friday mornings, Student Center 315.1.
- Transportation Services Director: the chair will inquire about the search status
- Applications for the Chief Diversity Officer position are currently being reviewed by the search committee.

The 10/23/13 minutes were approved as amended.

Adjournment