

April 25, 2012 Minutes

Members present: Sanders, Furney, Wilson, Kimmel, Stone, Hindson, Ash, Czyzewska, Feakes, Morey, Melzer, Cavitt, Conroy

Guests: Sigler, Smith, Richmond, Bowers, DuPont, Earl

Meeting called to order at 4:00.

Transportation and Parking: Joe Richmond, who will become director of the new Transportation and Parking Services unit on September 1, visited to discuss his vision for parking and transportation at Texas State. The Transportation and Parking Services Committee will now serve as an advisory group to Mr. Richmond, rather than as a body that develops policy. Among the issues he will explore in the coming months is the effective merging of the two units, an effective model for balancing the needs of transportation, parking and pedestrian traffic, the fee model for the University, and alternative models regarding parking policies for first-year students.

University Curriculum Committee Report: The Chair of the UCC shared the Committee's support for five proposals:

- Change the Master of Social Work major in Social Work-Administration/ Supervision Practice to a major in Social Work-Administrative Leadership
- Add a Master of Science major in Merchandising and Consumer Studies
- Change the Bachelor of Arts majors in Mass Communication-Advertising, Mass Communication-Electronic Media, Mass Communication-Journalism, and Mass Communication-Public Relations to Bachelor of Science degrees
- Add a Master of Fine Arts major in Theatre
- Change the Bachelor of Science major in Geography-Water Studies to a major in Geography-Water Resources

The Senate will vote on these recommendations at its May 2 meeting.

Perception Survey Results: The Chair distributed a draft of the summarized "Faculty Perceptions of Deans and Chairs 2010-2012," a final version of which will be shared with faculty after the May 2 Senate meeting once revisions to the document are approved. The Senate agreed that, as was the case last year, written comments from the surveys should be posted for ninety days beginning in mid-August to insure that the comments are available when faculty have returned from summer break.

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PAAG Agenda Development: Among the topics suggested by the Senate for the May 2 PAAG meeting with the President were the following:

1. New guidelines for faculty seeking early tenure
2. Compensation for faculty recognized as Distinguished University Professors
3. Developmental Leave for Senior Lecturers
4. Ten-year review of Dr. Trauth's tenure as President

Committee on Committees Report, Continued: Discussions on and revisions of the CoC recommendations on appointments to Senate Committees, as well as its suggestions for appointments to committees that reserve Senate seats, continued, with a final slate of appointees approved by the Senate. As well, Senators decided to select from the preference survey Senate appointees to the Honors Council.

New Business:

1. A faculty member inquired about discussions on requiring candidates for tenure and promotion to provide external letters of support. This policy will not take effect until Fall 2013, and will be required only of those seeking promotion to full professor. The University policy will recommend that departments obtain external letters for tenure and promotion to associate professor. At this point, the departments will have the option of making the local decision.
2. The College of Fine Arts and Communication shared some recent issues arising in the evaluation of credentials for international faculty applicants and hires. The Chair of the Senate will contact the Associate Provost to investigate who is responsible for vetting credentials and what process is followed.

Minutes of 4/18/12 were approved.

Adjournment.