

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Members present: Wilson, Blunk, Conroy, Hindson, Sriraman, Czyzewska, Furney, Feakes, Covington

Guests: Sigler, Thompkins

Meeting called to order at 4:00.

Information and Follow-Up Items

1. Council of Chairs report (Conroy)
 - Newly hired AVP for Financial Services Darryl Borgonah, whose responsibilities include contract compliance, receivables and materials management, and James Webb, Director of Accounting, addressed the Chairs to answer questions about donated funds in department discretionary accounts and also to present the results of a travel system survey recently circulated to Chairs.
 - A slate of Council officers for 2013-14 was put forward and approved:
 - Duane Knutson, Chair
 - Susan Day, Vice Chair
 - Barbara Sanders, Secretary
 - Vincent Luizzi was reappointed to the General Education Council
2. Senate election second round voting is April 15-22
This is the first election conducted using the newly designed voting program. At the conclusion of the election, Senators will discuss possible revisions to the process and aligning the election process with the Faculty Constitution.
3. Perception of Administrators Survey is currently in play. Senators were asked to encourage faculty to participate.
4. Pres. Award for Teaching Committee Terms
The Senate discussed possible ways to stagger member terms on this committee. This item will be returned to agenda next week in conjunction with the Committee on Committees report.

Chair/Director Summative Review Process

Senator Sriraman presented information on Chair review processes at the University of Oklahoma and Penn State. The subcommittee will meet to discuss possible revisions to the Texas State policy prior to next week's Senate meeting. The Associate Provost will be invited to a future meeting to discuss how faculty input in the review can be improved.

New Business

1. Service release assignments
The Senate discussed the assignment of workload credit for major Senate service responsibilities in 2013-14. It was suggested that overseeing the PPS review process be added to the Vice Chair's duties. RTA
2. Applied Arts Representation on the Pres. Award for Scholarly/Creative Activity Committee [Marcus Felson will substitute for Catherine Hawkins.]

3. Concerns again came to the Senate about the health hazard posed by bird droppings in the parking garages and football stadium. Senator McClellan reported on a proposal to evaluate the problem and test/validate potential abatement solutions in several controlled studies at the football stadium. This approach would involve students and faculty from the Ingram School of Engineering and would be incorporated into required Senior Design courses. Although the Ingram School is willing to provide considerable resources for the project, assistance is required from Facilities for access, installation, etc. The Engineering proposal is currently stalled due to differing levels of support from Physical Plant Director, Juan Guerra and the Athletic Department.

Handbook Review Reports

Senators continued review of the latest draft of the new edition of the *Faculty Handbook*.

Minutes of 4/3/13 were approved.

Adjournment.