

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2015
JCK 880 Room, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Dana Garcia, Ju Long, Lynn Ledbetter, Audrey McKinney, Shirley Ogletree, Emily 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); *University Star* reporters Darcy Sprague and Clayton Kelley

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

PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC ADVISORY GROUP (PAAG)

- Modern States Education Alliance
 - In light of possible misconceptions about this partnership, it was agreed that a Q&A webpage be dedicated to this program.
- Green fee information request
 - Positive reaction to encouraging more publicity based on current sustainability initiatives at Texas State, such as recycling at football games
 - There is ongoing discussion regarding tuition and fees, including the current \$1.00 Green Fee
- Jefferson Davis Memorial Hwy. marker inquiry
 - Juan Guerra, Head of Facilities at Texas State, has written to TXDOT District Engineer to begin a dialogue concerning the possible removal of this marker
 - The marker is currently on Texas State property that is part of the TXDOT right of way.
- Request for PPS/UPPS search feature
 - This is feasible and should be implemented by Spring 2016
- Round Rock Counseling Center
 - There is now a full time experienced counselor at the Round Rock campus on Wednesdays and Fridays

Joint meeting agenda items

- Senate Liaisons, October 14, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Alkek 105
 - Discussion about Campus Carry being the main agenda item, with a presentation by Chair Conroy followed by smaller group dialogues
- Council of Academic Deans and Council of Chairs, October 21, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Flowers Hall 230
 - Preparing for campus carry within individual departments
 - NLF merit policies with a view toward highlighting best practices across campus

VPIT Kenneth Pierce

- Update on telephone messaging system
 - Call Pilot (current) will be moving to Microsoft Messaging soon
- ACC New software for videotaping classes
 - Work continues to solve issues with downloadable software for videotaping of classes
- Ability of different systems to speak to each other
 - Discussion of lack of interfacing between SS Banner and SAP systems
- Timeline for new Windows and Mac software updates

- Work is in progress to test these OS updates for incompatibilities with current software programs
- Discussion of new priorities including
 - Dealing with network infrastructure issues on campus and residential
 - Need to streamline amount of paper being generated
 - Electronic signatures
 - Assisting with issues regarding library system upgrades and new repository

Approval of September 30 meeting minutes

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter