

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Dana Garcia, Lynn Ledbetter, Ju Long, Audrey McKinney, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller-Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Faculty Senate Liaison Selene Hinojosa (Library); Peiqin Zhang (CIS/QMST; Environment and Sustainability Committee); *University Star* reporter Lesly DeLeon

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Senate Vice-Chair White

Information and follow up items

- Master Plan meetings reminder
 - March 3, 12:30-2:00 pm, JCK 11th floor
 - March 3, 3:00-4:30 pm, JCK 880 (host: Senator Ledbetter)
 - March 4, 1:30-3:00 pm, JCK 11th floor
- Council of Academic Deans March 1 meeting report (Senator Conroy)
 - P & T cycle and deans' evaluation statements discussion with clarification that Provost Bourgeois and President Trauth see candidates' CVs and evaluation statements; encouraging deans to conduct an independent analysis
- TSUS Council of Faculty Senates (RTA) and Texas Council of Faculty Senates reports (Senator Conroy)
 - Senate Chair Conroy and Past Chair Feakes presented Texas State's initiatives for nontenure line faculty enfranchisement with a very well-received presentation
- Transportation Advisory Committee member replacement is needed

Faculty concerns from Senate Liaisons, action items

- Discussion of suggestion for "Recently Asked Questions" responses on Faculty Senate website regarding several concerns including summative review of chairs and salary compression
- Discussion related to inviting Mr. Eric Algoe to Faculty Senate to respond to concerns about parking, custodial services and central receiving
- Discussion of feasibility of hosting a shared governance workshop for faculty to help clarify procedures and processes related to FDL reviews, merit evaluations, the role of personnel committees in annual evaluations, the weighting of different types of grants in faculty evaluations
- Possible re-negotiation for first call classrooms
 - Senator Ogletree will research the issue
- 10 minutes between classes is sometimes not enough
 - Possibility of placing advisory notice on CATSWEB for students to check distances between buildings
 - Discussion of possible role of advisors during advising process to remind students to keep in mind walking distances between buildings when registering for classes

Environment and Sustainability Committee report (Senator Bell-Metereau)

- Report on projects
 - Earth Day competition
 - Self-reporting format, using Survey Monkey

- Prizes for Earth Day competition winners
- Checklist for offices and departments
- Contest Categories
- Subcommittees
 - Identifying Environmental Sustainability projects across campus
 - Judges committee
 - Prize committee
 - Coordinating with Student Service, other stakeholders
 - Program committee working with River Fest-Boko
 - Promotion
- Student groups and social media
 - Recycling, clean-up, service projects
- Goals
 - Identify stakeholders; participate effectively in master plan
 - Discuss methods of coordinating and creating synergy
 - Identifying national competitions the university could apply for
- Long range concerns
 - Definitions of what is green
 - Participation in planning, placing environment and sustainability issues in mission statement and strategic goals
 - Reducing “grass” areas, replacing with bee-friendly natives, more variety in landscaping
 - Plans for LED lighting; automatic shut-off of lights in all buildings
 - Types of pesticides
 - Percentage of recycled paper products (best practices)

Faculty Constitution

- Request for senators to review Faculty Constitution for future discussion of possible referendum to include Nontenure Line Faculty who have served as full-time faculty for more than 6 years to stand for election to a senate seat

Faculty Senate Fellow application process

- Senators please give consideration to the process/procedure for later discussion

March Bulletin draft

- Discussion and approval of March Bulletin

Approval of Feb. 24 meeting minutes

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter