**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Zoom Meeting, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Attending Senators:** Taylor Acee, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Stacey Bender, Janet Bezner, Dale Blasingame, Rachel Davenport, Jennifer Jensen, Lynn Ledbetter, Vincent Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, Stan McClellan, Roque Mendez, Andrew Ojede, Michael Supancic, Nicole Wesley

**Guests:** Chad Booth, Tina Marie Cade, Ricardo Delgado (University Star), Sonya Gutierrez, Christine Hailey, Candace Hastings, Jesus Jimenez, Gilbert Martinez, Sarah Naper, Scott Pope (Library), Aimee Roundtree, Joni S J Charles, Karen Sigler, Vedaraman Sriraman, Harold Stern, Stephanie Towery, Reddy Venumbaka, Patrice Werner

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Senate Chair Bezner

**Copyright Advisory Committee Report**

Copyright Officer Stephanie Towery represented the Copyright Advisory Committee to raise faculty awareness of UPPS 01.04.27 03.06 Intellectual Property: Ownership and Use of Copyrighted Works. Ms. Towery emphasized language in the policy that states, “Texas State grants to its faculty and staff the copyright ownership of works they create within the scope of their employment in fulfillment of their teaching and scholarly responsibilities. Texas State retains a non-exclusive, non-transferable, perpetual, and royalty-free license to make education uses of such works.” Several senators asked questions about specific situations. Ms. Towery explained that overall, the Texas State policy was more generous than many other employers and urged faculty to learn more about copyright information by reviewing the copyright guide <https://guides.library.txstate.edu/copyright>.

Senator Bezner suggested adding a senate bulletin item to raise awareness about the policy.

**Curriculum Committee Report**

Senators heard proposal summaries from representatives of the College of Education and College of Science and Engineering. Senators voted to recommend that Senate Chair Bezner approve the following changes to degree programs:

* Add a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Major in Education (Secondary Education; Teacher Certification with Double Major in another B.A. teacher certification degree program)
* Delete the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Major in Interdisciplinary Science (Teacher Certification in Science, Grades Seven through Twelve)
* Add a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Major in Mechanical Engineering

**Restorative Justice Process Update and Report**

Senators that attended the restorative justice sessions with the faculty of color cohort and facilitated by Life Anew discussed their perceptions of the process and what they would like to do moving forward. Many senators indicated they would like to review the summary complied by Life Anew to ensure information from the sessions is documented accurately and in the correct context. Additionally, a senator pointed out that non-tenure line faculty were underrepresented in the restorative justice process. Senators will have another conversation about prioritizing topics provided in the summary report before a senate representative moves forward with the next cohort. Both senators Bezner and Ledbetter expressed willingness to move forward in the process.

**Joint Meeting with CAD Debrief**

Senator Bezner provided a summary of the joint CAD-Faculty Senate meeting held on Tuesday, March 9. Senators were urged to give thought to what information the senate can solicit from liaisons and faculty that may help the administration take actions to improve employee morale.

**Policy Review**

* UPPS 04.02.01 Obtaining technology resources’ systems and services, due March 24, 2021 (minor changes) – Senator Martin
* UPPS 04.01.10 Information Security Incident Management, due March 24, 2021 – Senator Jensen
* UPPS 05.06.02 Travel Policies Regarding University Representative Performance Organizations, due March 19, 2021 – Senator Mendez
* UPPS 04.01.11 Risk Management of Information Resources, due March 24, 2021 – Senator Bell-Metereau

**Adoption of Minutes**  
Senators voted to approve the March 3, 2021 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Jensen