

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
JCK 880, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Dana García, Ju Long, Audrey McKinney, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Miller Payne, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Guests: Faculty Senate liaison Selene Hinojosa (Library); *University Star* reporter Exsar Arguello; Faculty Senate Fellow Andrew Marks; UCC Chair Mike Supancic (Criminal Justice) Judy Oskam, Harry Bowers and Cindy Royal; ULC Chair Roger Colombik (Art and Design)

Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Senate Chair Conroy

Approval of November 11 meeting minutes

FDL Supplemental Award Committee

- Senators Ledbetter, McKinney and White will serve on the FDL Supplemental Award Committee.

Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release report

- Senator White presented the results of the NLF Committee's assessment of requests for workload release. The senate endorsed eleven proposals recommended by the committee and directed Dr. White to inquire further about the remaining two proposals that were recommended.

University Research Enhancement Committee Report

- Faculty senators with REP's pending excused themselves from the room.
- Ratings of proposals from the various colleges were distributed for senators' consideration.
- Further action will be taken December 2, 2015.

PAAG Agenda Items

- The following items will be placed on the agenda for the 12/2/15 PAAG meeting.
 - Update on status of the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker
 - New TSUS Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
 - Possible future legislative items
 - An item to be brought forward by a Faculty Senate Liaison

Curriculum Committee Report

- UCC Chair Supancic presented changes to curriculum that had been approved by the UCC.
- Some discussion of curriculum changes ensued, after which the representatives of the Curriculum Committee departed.
- The Faculty Senate voted to suspend its rules, and then voted to approve the curriculum changes as recommended by the UCC.

University Lecturers Committee (ULC) supplemental round

- ULC Chair Colombik presented the committee's recommendation on speakers to be funded through the ULC's inaugural supplemental round and requested that the Senate take quick action

on the recommendations to assure that travel arrangements for the speakers could be made in a timely manner.

- Following some discussion about the scoring rubric and his departure, the Senate voted to suspend its rules and voted to endorse the ULC's recommendation to support the top 8 proposals.

Review of UPPS's

- Senator McKinney volunteered to review UPPS 07.02.02.
- Senators Conroy and Ogletree volunteered to review UPPS 04.04.38

Faculty concerns

- Vehicles parking on the plaza around Old Main. Senator Conroy will refer the situation to Parking Services.
- Perceived lack of activity from the Faculty Senate vis a vis Campus Carry. To be discussed further.
- Significant concerns about custodial services. To be discussed further.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Dana M. García