

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
4:00 – 6:00, JCK 880

Attending Senators: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Janet Bezner, Scott Bowman, Natalie Ceballos, Michel Conroy, Jesse Gainer, Dana Garcia, Vince Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, David Nolan, Shane Smith, Ting Liu, Alex White, Diego Vacafloros
Liaisons and guests: Selene Hinojosa (Library), Shayan Faradineh (*University Star*)

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Council of Academic Deans (CAD) Report:

Student Insights from 2017 Texas High School Graduates show perceived academic quality is cited as a factor for some students not choosing Texas State.

Common Experience Theme for 2018-2019 will be “innovation.”

Undergraduate enrollment is flat

Larger freshman class, but fewer transfer students, more dual enrollment

More graduates, more through-put (graduating faster)

Graduate enrollment is down

Drop in international applications, many going to Canada and Australia

Administration will examine specific program enrollments.

[Digital Measures](#) (DM) is now easier to use as it is no longer necessary to run a report, download it, make additions, and then upload it; updates can be made in the program

All merit and performance reviews will be done in DM.

9/15 very last date for getting help inputting CV entries.

Promotion and Tenure (P & T 04.02.20) doesn't yet include DM procedure.

System will give verification of input and who has reviewed it.

Advisory council met in May to discuss customization by department.

Honors College seeks collaboration to increase undergraduate research.

Undergraduate research journal and conference

Bobcat Days will feature a table dedicated to undergraduate research, send examples to Senator Garcia by Oct. 1

October 6, Honors College, celebrating 50 years, will host diplomat in residence

Research Incentive Program (RIP) encourages collaborative projects.

If faculty use a grant to buyout a teaching assignment, savings could be returned to the grantee as incentive salary or indirect cost research fund, with some limitations.

Senate initiatives:

Senators discussed future initiatives to improve community. The chair will receive reports from small groups and forward to subcommittee to recommend possible priorities.

FS September Bulletin:

Senate voted to use Sway program to produce FS Bulletin.

September Bulletin will be edited and finalized via email.

Representation at the Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting:

October 27 in Austin; Senators White and Nolan will attend Friday AM meeting with senate representatives from Texas State system schools and officials from the chancellor's system office and Friday meeting with Senate representatives from most universities in the state of Texas in Austin to deliver round-up report.

Board of Regents:

Senate discussed questions from a faculty member concerning timing, attendance, representation, media and website publicizing of Board of Regents meetings. Senators suggested that the concerned faculty member further research the issue and report to Faculty Senate. The following links were suggested for further consideration:

<http://www.txstate.edu/roster/board-of-regents.html>

<http://www.tsus.edu/regents/board-meetings.html>

<http://today.tamu.edu/2017/02/02/public-notice-from-board-of-regents/>

<https://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents/meetings/open-meeting-notice-submissions>

The chair requested PAAG item suggestions.

Minutes for July 12, 2017, were approved as amended.

6:00 Adjournment

Submitted by Rebecca Bell-Metereau