

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, August 28, 2013
JCK 880, 4:00 – 6:00

Senate members present:

Guests: Smith, Snodgrass, Sigler

Meeting called to order at 4:00

Information and Follow-Up Items:

- Science and Engineering Senator Alex White and Interim Liberal Arts Senator Margaret Menninger were welcomed to the senate.
- Perception of Deans Survey, comments will be available until Nov. 15
- Presidential Awards summaries of recipients' accomplishments are posted on President's webpage: www.president.txstate.edu/presidential-award-winners.html
- Searches in progress:
 - Search for Counseling Center Director; there will not be a permanent hire until January. Included in job description are overseeing health services and career services for students. (Czyzewska)
 - New registrar has a Sept. 9th start date. (Feakes)
 - Equity and Access Director: the job description from last year's search required only minor revision, Oct. 15 application deadline. (Conroy)
- The Director of Transportation Services search committee does not have faculty senate representation, but the senate chair will forward the schedule of candidate open forums to senators.
- Group photo for Faculty Senate, Sept. 11th.
- Calendar items:
 - Meeting with Senate Liaisons, October 9, 105/106 Alkek, 4:00
 - Joint Senate/CAD/Council of Chairs meeting November 20, 3:00 – 5:00, Reed Parr Rm.
 - PAAG dates 2013-14
 - September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4
 - February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

Reports on selected CAD Items

Parking Policy Revisions

The President's cabinet approved a number of policy revisions including semester-long parking permits for per course faculty at \$112 effective immediately. Nancy Nusbaum will be invited to the Sept. 11 senate meeting to provide details on the changes.

Program Faculty

The College of Science and Engineering has proposed a draft PPS on program faculty modeled on clinical faculty appointments that may have application to other colleges and fields and value for university. This PPS will be distributed for review after it goes through CAD.

Committee appointments

- Senator White will be on Development Leave for spring. The election runner-up will serve as Interim Senator for spring summer, Jesus Jimenez (tenured program faculty member from Engineering).
- Honorary Doctoral Degree Committee: Senator Sririman and Chair Conroy are on this committee
- University Council: Ludim Pedroza from the School of Music was appointed to serve as the third tenure-track faculty representative on the council. The senate chose not to appoint alternates for the senate-appointed council members.
- Piper Committee: Beverly Penn in Art & Design was appointed
- Grievance Committee: Dr. Bill Stone accepted reappointment, with Bill Meek as committee alternate. Senator Morris agreed to replace Jon Bible for the fall.
- Presidential Award Committee for Scholarly and Creative work: Michelle Lane will serve as Applied Arts representative. Jason Reid in Art & Design will represent Fine Arts & Communication.

Counseling Center

Dr. Greg Snodgrass reported that to meet the goal of providing the best possible service, the counseling center identified 3 levels of urgency to get students in quickly, and is offering expanded times 9-5:00 for people on call. After initial consults, clients are assigned to a counselor based on availability. To avoid repetition, the first meeting is brief and second is a full intake appointment.

Additional needs: more office space, evening hours (with attention to security issues), flex offices, additional staff. Service for Round Rock, providing counselors for veterans, and finding a new director who meets the broad job description all merit future discussion. (The Office of Veteran Services works to get counselors from Austin to campus weekly.)

Part-time Teaching Award (Feakes)

There were concerns raised at the Council of Deans about this senate-proposed award. It came to the senate from the Adjunct Faculty Committee as an initiative to provide recognition for outstanding teaching by faculty who are not competitive in the Presidential Award for Teaching. The deans asked that any overlap between the two awards be eliminated.

Dean Dann Brown requested that the University College have voting representation on the Adjunct Faculty Committee. He voiced dissatisfaction with the proposal's stipulation that US1100 part-time faculty nominations be evaluated with the Applied Arts nominations. The proposal will go back to the AFC to deliberate on revisions to resolve concerns.

Summative Reviews of Chairs (Conroy)

The deans raised objections to the senate's proposal to augment the summative review of chairs procedure. The Associate Provost asked that deans send comments to her and proposed that her office make pen and ink changes and then circulate the revised proposal for review.

New business

TSUS/TCFS 10/25 meeting delegates--RTA

Possible PAAG Agenda Items

- University club
- The Counseling Center Director job description, which is a vice presidential position. Has an interim director been appointed?
- Enrollment growth (Round Rock), possible use of telecom links, Skype, and video conferencing to provide student services.
- Legislative actions included no TRBs (tuition revenue bonds)
- Emergency Management Coordinator
- Online, competency-based plans
- Texas Governor's University and academic standards issues

The minutes of July 10 were approved as amended.

Adjournment