

**Faculty Senate**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**  
**4:00 – 6:00, JCK 880**

Minutes from previous meetings are available at  
<http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/about/59th-senate-minutes.html>

**Attending senators and liaisons:** Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Elizabeth Bishop, Scott Bowman, Natalie Ceballos, Michel Conroy, Dana Garcia, Benjamin Martin, David Nolan, Shane Smith, Ting Liu, Alex White, Diego Vacaflares

**Liaisons:** Carrie Boden, Tom Patterson, Diane Dolezel, Lynn Ledbetter, Amy Benton, Bahram Asiabanpour, Asha Hegde, Kyong Hee Chee, Dexter Wakefield, Yoo Jae Kim, T. Moonis Ali, Luis Intersimone, Farzan Irani, Ann Burnette, Rich Warms, Chris Russian, Bob Rutledge, Jaymeen Shah, Hunter Close, Barbara Covington,

**Guests:** Alyssa Newsome (*University Star*)

Full Senate Meeting

**Senate Chair's Presentation.**

Senate Chair

- 1) welcomed Senate Liaisons and described the duties and function of the senate and liaisons and our relationship with the administration:
  - PAAG meetings and communication with administrative units
  - Committees on committees. curriculum, academic freedom,
  - Faculty Senate Chair attends Council of Academic Deans
  - Peer review and oversight of programs and awards, such as Faculty Development Leave (FDL), and research enhancement, and policies (PPS)
  - University Curriculum Committee
- 2) outlined faculty governance at Texas State and the role of liaisons.
- 3) introduced senate initiatives to strengthen community:
  - a. establishing faculty dining room / meeting place
  - b. sponsoring interdisciplinary programs, gatherings, and other activities
- 4) reported that additional 1% Merit pool will appear on February 1 paychecks.
- 5) gave update on sick leave policy. As part of the standard review cycle, ERS audit noted inadequate faculty sick leave reporting in some departments. The law requires reporting and is currently under review to clarify wording. The senate is working on a revision of the policy.

**College Break Out Sessions:**

Liaisons shared concerns from faculty in their departments and reported to the full senate. Concerns will be compiled and addressed in future senate meetings.

**New Faculty Concern Form:** The chair presented new Faculty Concern online form.

Regular Senate Meeting

**Report from University Marketing:**

Mr. Dan Eggers reported on the website, faculty access to academic logos and took suggestions for improvement from senators.

**Sick Leave Policy Update 2:**

Ben Martin, Michel Conroy, and Scott Bowman proposed revisions to the current sick leave policy, as requested by Associate Provost Thorne. Ben Martin reported on the committee's wording for the sick leave policy, and senate suggested revised wording, which will be circulated via email.

Input on campus carry should go to Senator Conroy.

RTA 10/11/17 minutes approval.

6:08 Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Bell-Metereau