**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, March 24, 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:** Kristy Daniel, Matt Juge, Tina Marie Cade (Senate Fellow), Ricardo Delgado (University Star), Scott Pope (Library), Laura Ellis-Lai, Karen Sigler, Aimee Roundtree

Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Senate Chair Bezner

**Executive Session**

**University Lecturers Committee**

Dr. Kristy Daniel presented a report of funding recommendations from the University Lecturers Committee. Dr. Daniel also suggested improvements to the application and review process moving forward and senators discussed potential strategies for improvement. Senators will vote on the committee’s recommendations at the next senate meeting.

**Academic Computing Committee**

Dr. Matt Juge presented a report of funding recommendations from the Academic Computing Committee. Senators will vote on the committee’s recommendations at the next senate meeting.

**Regular Session
Faculty Senate Survey**

Senator Davenport reviewed suggested edits to the Senate Survey Report 2021. The Senate collected data directly from faculty teaching courses this semester to guide their recommendations to the administration regarding Fall 2021. Briefly, the recommendations include:

* Discontinue A/B model classes for Fall 2021
* Consider how these data may challenge arguments that students prefer face-to-face offerings.
* Continue offering online courses once we are beyond the pandemic as it allows students who have to work and care for others greater flexibility.
* The administration should conduct surveys of faculty and students and make decisions using these data as the Faculty Senate has modeled with this survey.

**Faculty Senate Fellow Call**

Senators finalized the final draft of the Faculty Senate Fellow Call for the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Texas Council of Faculty Senates Meeting**

Senators Bezner, Ledbetter, Jensen, and Davenport provided a summary of the highlights from the TCFS meeting held on February 27, 2021.

**Administrative Salaries**

Senator Davenport provided an overview of College University Professional Association (CUPA) mean and median salary information. The CUPA data available at Texas State provides comparative salary data for peer institutions for faculty, but not for administrative salaries. After discussion, the senate agreed to request access to CUPA comparative salaries for administrative and staff positions.

**Policy Review**

UPPS 04.04.30 University Leave, due March 26, 2021 (Senator Acee)

UPPS 04.04.37 Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Awards, due March 29, 2021 (Senator Ledbetter)

UPPS 02.04.01, University Star and K Procedures, due April 2 (Senator Blasingame)

AAPPS 02.04.21, Piper Professor Award Recognition, due April 5 (Senator Luizzi)

AAPPS 04.01.23, Faculty of Practice Appointments, due April 12 (Senator Bender)

AAPPS 04.01.22, Clinical Faculty Appointments, due April 12 (Senator Ojede)

**Approval of minutes**

Senators approved the minutes for the March 10, 2021 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Jensen