

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Senators: Bell-Metereau, Blunk, Cavitt, Conroy, Covington, Czyzewska, Feakes, Furney, Hindson, Menninger, Morris, Payne, Sriraman, Weill, White

Liaisons: Moonis Ali, Computer Science; Ulrich Bach, Modern Languages; Ann Burnette, Communication Studies; Robyn Diaz, Library; Diane Dolezel, Health Information Management; Catherine Hawkins, Social Work; Farzan Irani, Communication Disorders; Jesus Jimenez, Engineering; Rob Konopaske, Management; Omar Lopez, Occupational, Workforce, & Leadership Studies; Douglas Morrish, Agriculture; Chinna Natesan, Marketing; Patricia Pattison, Finance & Economics; Kristen Ploeger, Computer Information Systems & Quantitative Methods; Chris Russian, Respiratory Care; Chad Smith, Sociology; Shane Smith, Theatre & Dance; Greg Spencer, Physics; Bill Stone, Criminal Justice; Gary Upchurch, Biology

Guests: Micky Autrey, Andy Batey, Michael Supancic; Rebecca Banks, *University Star*

Introduction and Orientation of Senate Liaisons:

Faculty Senate procedures, faculty constitution, available on Faculty Senate website:

<http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/>

Senate advocates for faculty interests as a recommending body through the following:

- Presidential Academic Advising Group (PAAG), first Wednesday of each month during long semesters
- 16 standing senate committees: roster, function, and purpose listed on senate website
- Senate appointments faculty representatives to over 20 university-level committees
- Senate reviews UPPS and PPS renewals and reviews on behalf of faculty
- All curriculum creation and revision, via University Curriculum Committee
- Conducts perception surveys of deans, provost, and president

Senate serves as peer review body for Faculty Development Review

Senate oversees funding processes via the following committees:

- Student Academic Computing Fund
- University Research Committee (Research Enhancement Program)
- Piper Professor nomination process
- Adjunct Faculty Committee (Adjunct Faculty Workload Release Program)

Liaisons duties conducting liaison elections early each fall in schools and departments, gathering information, informally polling faculty colleagues on topics and promoting effective communication to increase participation in shared governance.

Reports of faculty concerns from Liaisons:

- Senate role in university finance decisions
- Crime alert notifications: descriptions have included ethnicity, gender
- Campus building security
- Missing student photos on TRACS rosters
- Issues regarding SACS accreditation requirements
- Questions re: how PPSs map to department issues
- Cost of faculty regalia

- School of Social Work space, new faculty offices
- Salaries (salary compression, raises)
- Staff hiring freeze, strain on staff
- Parking
- Graduate student tuition waivers, recruiting graduate students
- Plagiarism and cheating, reporting, university responses
- Criteria for awarding Development Leave Supplemental Grants

University Curriculum Committee, Michael Supancic, Chair, School of Criminal Justice:

- UCC cycle (Sept 6, 2013 meeting): approved 133 courses, 71 deletions, 62 new courses of campus; OWLS doing prefix change in compliance with accrediting board
- Scheduled workshops across campus for college and department changes pps01.
- (10/4/13 meeting) Dr. Thorne, AVP Academic Affairs, reported on degree plan changes to accommodate core curriculum change
- Dann Brown University College proposed change to make US1100 an institutional requirement. Legislature directive for a 42 hour core returned 4 hours to requirements for 120 hour degrees; US1100 part of SACS recommendation
- Masters of Science in Technology Management, Andy Batey:
Change to Master of Science, and from industrial technology to technology management. CIP code more appropriate description. Modernized degree for research focus, academic thesis or directed project. 36-hour program.

Senate approved the University Curriculum Committee recommendations as a whole.

Council of Chairs meeting report, 10/1/13, Feakes:

- Daniel Perry, University Development, addressed the chairs on scholarship endowment compliance. \$2.3 million in available scholarship money was not fully distributed in the last cycle; departments should review to make sure that available endowment proceeds are awarded
- Registrar Louis Jimenez addressed the chairs on the scheduling of classrooms

Business

- Discussion of liaison concerns, possible action items
- Faculty member suggestion: a fall break

Approval of 10/2 minutes, RTA

6:10 Adjournment