

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
JCK 880 Room, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Attending

Senators: Augustine Agwuele, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Scott Bowman, Michel Conroy, Barbara Covington, Dana Garcia, Ju Long, Lynn Ledbetter, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Alex White

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Faculty Senate liaison Selene Hinojosa (Library); *University Star* reporter Darcy Sprague.

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Senate Chair Conroy

President's Academic Advisory Group (PAAG) agenda items

- Modern States Education Alliance clarification
- Jefferson Davis Memorial Hwy. marker inquiry
- Green fee
- Making policy statements searchable – not really an agenda item, but a technology question

Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (Dr. Joe Kotarba, guest)

Presentation and discussion of COAI background and role in providing a national faculty voice on intercollegiate sports issues, such as academic integrity and quality, student-athlete welfare, campus governance of intercollegiate athletics, commercialization, and fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Eric Algoe, VPFS

Presentation on overseeing the financial, physical and human resources of Texas State, with specific discussion of several areas of concern.

- Outsourcing custodians
 - Texas State is spending 20% less by using outsourcing solution
 - 40% of our buildings are still being cleaned by Texas State custodians
 - We are supposed to maintain a “level 2” on a 4-point scale of cleanliness with “level 1” representing hospital level of cleanliness; we currently average between “level 2.5” and “level 3”
 - If current contract says custodians will not assist with recycling, this can be revisited
 - With Texas State dealing with 3 different companies in at least 3 years for custodial services, perhaps contractual details such as health insurance benefits and living wage need to be studied
 - No full time facility staff at Round Rock campus
- Bookstore
 - Late arrival of books for start of classes or books not ordered is completely unacceptable
 - System we are currently using is antiquated and allows multiple opportunities for errors
- Food service
 - Availability on both campuses for students attending evening classes
- Website limitations
 - Concerns regarding GATO limitations impacting timeliness of website updates
- Contracted staff temp agency
 - Texas State currently uses at least 2 agencies that annually recruit a pool of temps
- Increase in restricted parking w/increase in faculty
 - Texas State currently has approximately 11,000 parking spaces for 38,000+ potential parkers

Information and follow-up items

- Online submission program for development leave
-51 applications to date
- Piper Professor applications
-6 applications to date
- Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release applications
-3 applications to date
- Academic Computing Committee library representative status
-Discussion regarding clarification of voting/nonvoting status of library representative on ACC.
- Joint meeting Faculty Senate, COC and CAD (10/21) Flowers 230 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. with Faculty Senate continuing its meeting from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Policy reviews
 - UPPS 07 10 06 Procedures for Responding to Student Complaints, 10/7 (Senator Ledbetter)
 - PPS 7.05 Faculty Workload, 10/12 (Senators Conroy and Ledbetter)

Inquiries from faculty

- Faculty computer refresh cycle
-Discussion regarding procedure and priorities within departments and colleges
- Request for a centralized testing center
-Discussion regarding current testing center availability and feasibility for proctored testing of students enrolled in online classes

Other Business

- Campus Carry
-Survey will be published next week after feedback from pilot group is received

New Business

- VPIT Kenneth Pierce will visit the Senate at the 10/7 meeting
-Discussion of possible areas of commentary included (1) update on telephone messaging system, (2) new software for videotaping of classes, (3) ability of different systems to speak to each other, and (4) timeline for new Windows and Mac software updates.

Approval of minutes of 9/23/15

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter