

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
JCK 888, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Attending

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

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Faculty Senate liaison Selene Hinojosa (Library); Lesly De Leon (*University Star*)

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

Information and follow up items

- Reminder: University Lectures Series application deadline extended to Feb. 11 for funding up to \$3,000.00 for Fall 2016 and 2017 visiting lecturers
- Reminder: Perceptions of Chairs/Directors surveys
- Texas Council of Faculty Senates delegates, Feb. 26 (Senator Conroy and former Senate Chair Feakes)
- Senate elections, voter lists verification by senators and liaisons begins Feb. 15
- Survey to determine interest in serving on NLF Committee goes out Feb. 17
- Senators and Senate Liaisons meeting, Feb. 17, Alkek 105
- PPS 8.08 Faculty Grievance Policy pen and ink change to add “part-time” to the faculty description
- Faculty Records is compiling information on research faculty
- Nominee for the University Performing Arts Committee: Bob McLean

President’s Academic Advisory Group discussion items for Feb. 10

- Alma Mater information
 - written proposal with rationale (Senator Ogletree)
 - contact person (Chair of Psychology Dept.-Bill Kelemen, Roque Mendez, Senator Ogletree, and Senator Agwuele)
- Carnegie designation-graduate implications (job outlook/employment potential) for strategic planning with emphasis on process of getting more doctoral programs
- Bobcat Trail
 - need for definition of “sustainable greenspace” rolled into campus construction standards in Master Plan
 - recommendation of addition of representative from the Environment and Sustainability Committee on Strategic Planning Committee

Senate Fellow position

- Discussion of whether the position will be annual or biennial
- Discussion of focus of position: Leadership Mentoring and Shared Governance Mentoring
- Subcommittee (Senators White and Conroy with Senate Fellow Marks)

February Bulletin draft

- Approval of February Bulletin draft

Message from the Faculty Senate on Campus Carry

- Discussion of message outlining history of Faculty Senate's position on Campus Carry
- Message to be distributed by email
- Statements posted on the Faculty Senate website

Inquiries from faculty

- Question brought forward regarding noncredit developmental mathematics courses and TSI testing

Questions for COSE candidate luncheons

- Discussion of questions for COSE candidates with emphasis on candidate's experience with shared governance and environment/sustainability (Senators Bell-Metereau and Miller Payne)

Approval of January 27 meeting minutes

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter