

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Alkek 105/106, 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, Audrey McKinney, Shirley Ogletree, Emily Payne, Jovita Ross-Gordon, Vedaraman Sriraman, Susan Weill, Alex White

Liaisons: Judy L. Allen (Family and Consumer Sciences), Bahram Asiabanpour (Ingram School of Engineering), Janet R. Bezner (Physical Therapy), Elizabeth Bishop (History), Sarah A. Blue (Geography), Carrie J. Boden-McGill (Occupational , Workforce and Leadership Studies), Chad Booth (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Ann E. Burnette (Communication Studies), Janet B. Butler (Accounting), Kyong H. Chee (Sociology), Hunter Close (Physics), David M. Falleur (Clinical Laboratory Science), Peter S. Golato (Modern Languages), Catherine A. Hawkins (Social Work), Theodore T. Hindson (Political Science), Selene Hinojosa (Library), Farzan Irani (Communication Disorders), Ali Moonis (Computer Science), Douglas G. Morrish (Agriculture), Ivilina T. Popova (Finance and Economics), Christopher J. Russian (Respiratory Care), Ron Williams (Health and Human Performance)

Guests: *University Star* reporter Darcy Sprague

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

Full Faculty Senate meeting (senators and senate liaisons)

- Introduction
 - Presentation by Senate Chair Conroy of 57th Senate goals: (1) communication with faculty, senate liaisons, senate committees, and the Texas State University System, (2) strengthen environmental sustainability practices and policies, (3) advocate for faculty research support and incentives, and (4) work to enfranchise the Nontenure Line Faculty.
- Campus carry law and implementation planning process
 - Discussion of Senate Bill 11 and its ramifications, including task force charge of gathering information from various constituencies through surveys and public forums.
- Concerns from faculty
 - Concerns regarding Senate Bill 11 and its implementation included (1) safe storage of licensed handguns, particularly in student housing, (2) single entrance classrooms, (3) expedited training for dealing with potentially dangerous situations involving concealed handguns, (4) duties of building safety officers, and (5) cost of new campus infrastructure necessitated by campus carry.

Piper Committee report, Dr. Eugene Curtin

- There were 5 very qualified applicants
 - The committee's recommendations for Piper Award nominee and Swinney Teaching Award recipients was given Faculty Senate approval, and the nominee's file will be forwarded to the Provost.

Joint meeting agenda items

- Council of Academic Deans and Council of Chairs, October 21, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Flowers Hall 230
 - Projected departmental plans for Campus Carry implementation
 - Departmental practices regarding environmental sustainability
 - Departmental policies regarding NLF merit evaluations being gathered in TRACS site as informational resource

New Business

- Policy reviews
 - PPS 2.01 Academic Programs: Distance Education and Off-Campus Instruction (Senators Conroy and Weill)

Approval of October 7 meeting minutes

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Lynn Ledbetter