

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
JCK 880, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Attending

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

Faculty Senate Fellow: Andrew Marks

Guests: Denise Trauth (President); Gene Bourgeois (Provost); Cynthia Opheim (Associate Provost); Dann Brown (Dean, University College); Michael Nava (TSI Compliance officer and Associate Dean, University College); Faculty Senate liaison Selene Hinojosa (Library); Lesly De Leon (*University Star*); Roque Mendez (Psychology)

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

4:00 PAAG Meeting

1. Issue regarding TSI compliance in Department of Mathematics (Provost Bourgeois, Dean Dann Brown)
 - TSI permits “holistic advising and differentiated placement,” which translates to exceptions to the standard rule that students must be found adequately prepared by testing or through successful completion of coursework.
 - The concern remains for everyone involved that efforts should be made to prevent students from entering their last semester without having satisfied this requirement. In other words, exception should be extremely rare.
2. Alma Mater (President Trauth)
 - To consider a change to the Alma Mater, the president requested that each of the following stakeholder groups submit a written statement to her either recommending or not recommending the change. The contact persons Senators Ogletree and Agwuele, Roque Mendez and Bill Keleman, will meet with these groups:
 - Staff Council (through Vicki Britton)
 - Student Government (JoAnn Smith)
 - Council of Chairs (Mary Brennan)
 - Council of Academic Deans (Gene Bourgeois)
 - Alumni Board (Barbara Breier)
3. Carnegie classification
 - Progress toward advancing to the next level of Carnegie classification will depend primarily on increasing the output of doctoral graduates. This goal will most likely be accomplished by increasing the number of doctoral programs; however, the requirement from the Coordinating Board that new programs be based on a documented employment need is expected to persist. This requirement suggests that applied programs will be preferred over other types of graduate programs.
4. Request to have member of Environment and Sustainability committee appointed to the master plan committee
 - Dr. Trauth will consult with Dr. Nancy Nussbaum, who heads the very large, comprehensive committee
 - A discussion of the meaning of “green space” followed.

5:15 FDL review revision test model (Alex White)

- Alex tested an alternative model for reviewing FDL proposals that would lighten the workload for each senator while ensuring a broad review of each proposal. Senators were asked to mull it over until a proposal is presented at a later date.

5:41 Senate liaison meeting

- Format of meeting was considered along with ways to increase engagement by the senate liaisons.

5:50 Council of Chairs meeting report

- Proposal to move fall grade processing deadline
- Testing center and finals – cut off time, after which faculty are responsible for administering finals

5:53 Board of Regents rules changes – due February 22

- Add a definition of insubordination in Regents Rules.

5:54 Policy Review

- PPS 7.07 reviewed by Emily Miller Payne
- UPPS 07.10.01 Honor Code - to be reviewed by Rebecca Bell-Metereau and Augustine Aguewele
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5:55 Closing date for perceptions of chairs surveys is 2/19

- College dean reviews to follow
 - UC Dean to be reviewed by faculty and staff who taught US1100
 - Graduate Dean to be reviewed by faculty who taught grad courses in 2015
 - Honors College Dean to be reviewed by faculty who have taught honors classes in 2015

February 3 meeting minutes were approved.

5:58 Faculty concerns

- Senator Agwuele proposed developing a flow chart to show the faculty queries that came to the senate, what action was taken and what the resolution was.
- Senator Long asked if assistant chairs are faculty voters. Yes, if they teach 50% or more and don't have an administrative position outside of the college.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Dana García