

Faculty Senate Minutes
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March 22, 2013

Present: J. Anderson, S. Anderson, Baldwin, Beltz, Billiot, Bowden, Chambers, Concannon, Engelhardt, Friday, Garcia, Garrett, Giraldo, Keys, Klaus, Larkin, Louis, Miller, Spencer, Tejada-Delgado, Zimmer

Absent: Griffith

Ex-Officio Present: Billeaux, Graham, Markwood, Smart

Guests: L. Cifuentes

1. Speaker Spencer called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. A quorum was established.
2. The agenda was reviewed. Concannon moved, Bowden seconded, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.
3. The Speaker requested a moment of silence to remember Prof. Robb Jackson.
4. Minutes of the 2-15-2013 meeting: moved by Louis, seconded by Bowden to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chambers reported that the College-by-College report of summer pay was distributed to the faculty earlier this week. Markwood added that the Pell Grant stopped being available for the summer sessions, which also affected the student enrollment last summer.
2. Louis reported that the colleges have a full slate of nominations for the next term of the Senate. Voting will take place next week.
3. Garrett presented the background for requesting approval for the EdD in Educational Leadership. Currently the degree is offered as a partnership with Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Garrett brought forward a motion from the Academic Affairs Committee to approve the EdD in Educational Leadership to be offered by TAMU-CC. Discussion ensued. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Senate Exec Committee invited L. Cifuentes to report on the current status of courses offered through the Academic Partnerships program. She described the company and the relationship to the University, to help us to recruit and retain students in specific academic programs. Discussion ensued. Questions were answered. Academic Partners' role in our curriculum is advisory; that is, they make suggestions for our consideration, but do not set student acceptance policies or make curriculum decisions. Dr. Meyer is the University liaison to Academic Partnerships.
2. Speaker's Report
 - a) Spencer attended the TCFS meeting in Austin on March 1-2, 2013. Items discussed included:
 - State-wide, contingent faculty/professional faculty are becoming the majority in more and more state universities.
 - At this University, approximately 20% of the faculty are in this designation. (Other schools are

concerned about the growth, although we see it as a way of providing full-time positions.)
 - Post-tenure review is a state law and our procedures will be revised in the near future to meet the law. Dr. Markwood will provide models for FS deliberations, so that we can develop a beneficial post-tenure process.

- b) Spencer reported that the IDEA Center student evaluations will be piloted. Five senators are participating in this pilot.
 - c) The University strategic planning process is in progress. Groups have been working toward developing a *vision for the future (not yet named)*. It is expected that these nine committees (somewhat overlapping) will have a written product in spring of 2014.
 - d) The campus master plan continues to be developed. Keys and Spencer are the Senate representatives. Any suggestions can be forwarded to Keys and/or Spencer
3. Academic Program changes from the Academic Affairs Committee. Garrett moved, Friday seconded, approval of the Texas Consortium's Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will participate with these universities: Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and Midwestern State University, Texas Southern University, and Midwestern State University. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Academic Affairs (AA): Garrett

Garrett brought a recommendation from the AA Committee in the form of a motion that we accept the undergraduate catalog copy for the College of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

Garret reported that the committee is reviewing the grade appeal process to place the responsibility at the college level.

2. Awards, Bylaws & Elections (ABE): Louis reported:

- a) All University Excellence Award nominees were forwarded to the Provost's Office for final decision. There was no Librarian Award nominee this year.
- b) No nominees for the CASE Professor Award were received this year.
- c) The slate of nominees for the upcoming Senate elections is almost complete. Election will be held March 25-29 and ballots will be counted on April 1 at 3pm in the Faculty Senate Conference Room.
- d) I have edited the constitution and bylaws to incorporate the changes. I will be sending them to Bonnie to upload to the website.

3. Budget Analysis: Chambers

We reviewed the college-by-college Summer School, 2012 report supplied by Kathy Funk-Baxter's department, and compared it to estimated results for Summer School, 2011. This comparison was distributed to the Faculty Senate meeting in March, 2013. An Excel version of this report is available upon request. All other Budget Analysis Committee work is currently completed.

4. Committee on Committees (COC): Tejada-Delgado

The survey for committee preferences will be sent to the faculty soon.

5. Faculty Affairs: S. Anderson reported that FA has recommended that Robert Vokurka, retired professor from the College of Business, be approved for faculty emeritus status.

PROVOST COMMENTS

Markwood gave his report on the following topics:

- think about faculty awards
- salary adjustment letters have been sent
- legislative update
- system level changes
- post-tenure review in development stages
- learning outcomes report was accepted at the system level

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Beltz reported that a taskforce has been looking at the mini-mester experience from the student, faculty, and university perspectives and will present a report at the next Senate meeting.

Larkin asked about the evaluation window for students.

Friday asked about notification of students dropping a class.

ADJOURNED at 3:47p

The next meeting will be April 26, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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