

Texas A&M University – San Antonio  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Friday, February 3, 2017  
CEAC – Room 419

- Senators present: Cory Ross, Amy Porter, Robin Kapavik, Kevin Barton, Theresa Dorel, Dan Glaser, Caroline O’Quinn, Deirdre McDonald, Bryant Moore, Kathleen Voges, KC Kalmbach (came in late).
- Senators present via Adobe Connect of Skype: Jack Ayres & Jenny Wilson
- Guests: Cynthia Matson, Mike O’Brien, Brenda Rowe (Adobe Connect), Brenda Rushing (Adobe Connect)
  
- Meeting started at 11:43am (meeting started late due to lack of quorum)
  
- Approval of minutes for meeting December 2, 2016
  - December’s meeting minutes were motioned to approved by Kathy Voges & seconded by Caroline O’Quinn. Approved.
  
- Remarks: Cynthia Matson
  - Current searches are still underway, but she is awaiting news from the System for interpretation of governor’s hiring freeze
  - Board of Regents meeting will take place 2/8/17 and 2/9/17 where C. Matson will be presenting the STEM building for final approval
  - Temporary parking lot should open 2/20/17. There will be enough parking spaces to replace all spots lost due to construction.
  - RFP under consideration for the 10 acres next to the tower for retail, rental apartments, and/or daycare facilities
  - Verano Group sold parcel of their land to 3<sup>rd</sup> party for condos along Verano Parkway. Clearing of the land should start in 2-3 weeks.
  - C. O’Quinn shared students’ concerns about current political climate and where to go to seek assistance or counseling. C. Matson reminded everyone that students may go to the International Affairs or Student Counseling & Wellness Services for assistance. C. Matson also stated that no TAMU-SA students are impacted by the U.S.’s current 7 country “additional review” travel policy. C. Matson also stated that she would make E. Blanton aware of the students’ concerns.
  - 40 students attended the post-election forum on campus.
  - The Inclusive Excellence Forum occurred in January.
  - Reminder of Benjamin Reese’s workshop on 2/17/17.
  - K. Barton shared a concern about the lack of sidewalks along the 2 main thoroughfares leading to campus (sidewalks are present near the university, but not all the way to where students are actually parking). He stated because of the

lack of sidewalks, students are walking in the bike lane near the car lane. He also suggested some type of roundabout at the intersection of the 3 streets and fountain. C. Matson said that she would look into the issue.

- J. Wilson also suggested electric car charges were needed.
- Remarks: Mike O'Brien
  - Reiterated C. Matson's statement about current faculty searches moving forward.
  - Announced the re-introduction of the Jaq Tracks Committee, chaired by Lorrie Webb. M. O'Brien also stated that the committee's work will move from the Student Affairs side of the university to Academic Affairs.
- Old Business
  - Evaluation and Merit Committee Updates: T. Dorel stated that the committee's work is moving forward and is making recommendations for the formation and process of committees at the College and Department levels. She said that their work should be completed at a 2/5/17 meeting. She also stated that are creating a policy for faculty merit to present at the March Faculty Senate meeting.
  - Faculty Awards: R. Kapavik stated the faculty awards committee has been elected and the provost's office sent out the call for applicants.
  - Calendar Committee: K. Kalmbach stated that the committee has been formed and will be meeting with the provost in late February.
  - College Bylaws: C. Ross thanked D. Glaser for his leadership on this committee. It was suggested that the library mention in lines 82-83 be removed. R. Kapavik asked how deans and department chairs will disseminate this info to faculty members who will now need to document committee meetings as outlined in bylaws. L. Webb suggested the use of the intranet rather than an internal drive since the intranet may be accessed away from campus, unlike one of the internal drives. C. O'Quinn made a motion the College Bylaws be accepted as written (with the deletion of the library mention in lines 82-83), which was seconded by T. Dorel. Approval passed 9-0.
  - Senate Resolutions: R. Kapavik stated that both were approved by faculty vote (71 responses, 90% in favor of extended term lengths and 91% in favor of extending the president's term)
- New Business
  - Co-Chair for the University Curriculum Committee: J. Wilson is currently the UCC chair, but now that she is temporarily working in Liberia, a volunteer is needed to Co-Chair the UCC. L. Webb volunteered.
  - Senate Resolution regarding Electoral Units: K. Voges shared an analysis of the current faculty numbers in each College, and how 4 different options would look in regards to faculty senators from each College and/or Department. K. Barton questioned the numbers and asked how Professional Track Associate and Assistant faculty members were coded (categorized with NTT or TT?). K. Voges

answered by stating that she could reexamine the numbers but it most likely would not impact the number of senators allotted for Business. J. Wilson and D. Glaser stated their support for NTT faculty representation on faculty senate. T. Dorel asked about the library's representation. C. Ross stated that their numbers were not looked at in this analysis and simply remained at 2 representatives. Senators voted on which option to propose to the faculty, and Option B passed 10 to 0, which will increase the senate from 14 faculty members to 20 with each Department having 2 representatives.

- C. O'Quinn made a motion for the extension of the meeting by 15 minutes.
- Senate Resolution regarding non T/TT faculty: The senate agreed that the addition of the word lecturers to 3.1 of the constitution would allow them to participate as Senators if interested. Resolution 3 passed
- Senate Resolution regarding the Library Committee: After discussion, it was decided to leave "as is" in the senate constitution and to be evaluated as a broader University topic.
- Institutional Memory: C. Ross will continue to work with Vai to establish a shared drive folder, but we also did discuss use of the intranet. No resolution – simply ideas and general agreement that we need a repository for this work

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm