

Faculty Senate Minutes
February 1, 2019
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Room: CAB 402.1

In Attendance: Rebekah Piper, Claire Nolasco, Joseph Simpson, James Finley, Jeremy Zuni, Caroline O’Quinn, Matthew Mangum, Young Rae Kim, Douglass Carter, Sukho Lee, Marina Narvaez, Alan Daniel, Rodolfo Valdez, Robert Vinaja, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Keming Li, Gilbert Barrera

Guests In Attendance: Deirdre McDonald, Megan Wise Valdez, Amy Porter, Katherine Bridgeman, Lionel Cassin

Meeting called to order: 11:34 AM

Approval of Minutes:

Unanimous motion to approve the minutes
Robert Vinaja seconded the motion.

Administrative Updates:

Dr. Matson detailed Campus Reports:

- Dr. Matson provided the ‘Major Goals’ for FY2019 (see attached)
- Dr. Matson provided a Report for Faculty Senate (see attached)
- Brief calendar outlining the 10-year anniversary events
- The Office of the President is working to provide access to reserve large meeting space/rooms.
- Free speech zones – Dr. Matson is working to enhance the communication processes to ensure that students are informed of free speech zones.
- CoEHD now has a 30 minute loading/unloading zone space.
- Technology updates and replacements are being processed and Dr. Matson is working with Dr. Griffenberg to ensure that this is done in a timely manner.

Executive Update:

- James Finley detailed the results of the amendment
- Faculty senate will amend the constitution based on these

Old Business:

- Adaption of Guidelines for Career Advancement and Paths to Tenure: Scott Gage will provide update during the March faculty senate meeting.

- Spousal Hire Policy: Review of the revisions that have been added to the policy. Discussion regarding the filling of the positions (lecturer, tenure-track, etc.).
 - Rodolfo Valdez made a motion to extend the revision of the Spousal Hiring Policy.
 - Based on the feedback from Faculty Senate, the Faculty Development and Research Committee will continue to revise the policy. John LoCorto will provide guidance to the committee.
- Workload Policy:
 - Will be tabled for the March meeting.
- Post Tenure Review:
 - Will be tabled for the March meeting.

Faculty Senators: Please share this information with your departments and faculty to ensure they have an opportunity to provide feedback on Faculty Town Square.

- Update on Institutional Repository for Faculty Research: Deirdre provided a report on the overview of the IR and design. She continues to work with the committee to prepare the launch of the IR. The goal is to have the IR launched in March.

New Business:

- QEP: Kimberly Nanez detailed the five year plan that the Institutional Effectiveness Committee has completed. This work included two goals:
 - Goal 1: Establish QL as an essential component of the student experience at A&M-SA.
 - Goal 2: Develop curricular and co-curricular activities to ensure QL competency of A&M-SA graduates.

Joseph Simpson made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Unanimous approval to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

- James Finley detailed the proposal for a Core Curriculum Committee. Faculty Senators provided feedback and James will bring a revised proposal during the March meeting.
- Alan Daniel detailed the proposal for a catalog language change for the withdrawal policy.
 - Alan Daniel made a motion to revise the drop policy to include extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control.
 - Joseph Simpson seconded the motion

Vote:

8 Favor

3 Abstain

- Claire Nolasco presented the Proposed Budget for Faculty Senate totaling \$12,000 annually.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:17 PM