

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #410
February 13, 2013

Senators present: Austin, Norjuan; Ball, Robert; Birdwell, Leisha; Bobo, Linda; Campo, David; Carlos, Juan; Cecil, Leslie; Coble, Theresa; Cooper, Dana; Cox, Neal; Ellis, Ann; Franks, George; Gottshall, Dottie; Hasbun, Tracey; Henderson, Bob; Kwaitkowski, Matthew; Lindsey, Matthew; Maurer, Michael; Migl, Karen; Nerren, Jannah; O'Dwyer, Darla; Olle, Mary; Powell, Rose; Pressley, Cindy; Runnels, Scott; Scott, Deb; Tareilo, Janet

Excused Absence: Cook, David; Cox, Neal; Gottshall, Dottie; Lora Jacobi,

- I. Call to Order: 2:30 pm #410
- II. Presentations:
 - A. Dr. Ric Berry, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs: attending a meeting in Austin with President Pattillo with the Appropriation and Finance Committee
 - B. Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs:
 - i. Question and Answer session at the Academic Affairs Meeting:
 1. Summer pay, we are in the 2nd year of the Biennium Budget; therefore, no changes and will use the same pay scale as in summer 2012.
 2. Tech funds for computer replacement: Talk with your Deans. It depends on the age of the computer.
 - ii. Attended Chief Academic Officers Meeting: discussed the \$10K degree, core curriculum. The Texas State Tribune, there are faculty that are looking into the \$10K degree from various universities in TX.
 1. Higher Educational Coordination Board is looking at different ways to use curriculum, flipped classrooms, and hybrid course.
 2. Low producing programs in universities: Senator Sigler, chair, requested to have it tabled for now until he further investigates. Two universities are in his district West Texas and UT at Permian Basin.
 3. Facility building committee recommends to table. The committee is in the process of revising the rules.
 4. Curriculum Issues: Core assessment draft is still an on-going process.
 - C. Dr. Peck, Dean of Student Affairs:
 - i. Introduced Dr. Osaro Airen, Director of Office of Multicultural Affairs
 - ii. Presented a University-wide student "ethics/moral" proposal for academic integrity. Recruited committee members from the Faculty Senate.
 - D. . Dr. Carrie Brown, Director of Office Research and Sponsored Programs:
 - i. Highlight upcoming spring ORSP workshops, "Grants Gumbo"

- ii. Update of new federally negotiated indirect cost rate for grants
 - iii. Introduced “Pivot” a funding connection to assist you in locating grants. Go to Office of Research and Sponsored Programs webpage; they have a two year membership for this program.
 - iv. Ethics Training Programs: CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) Access training programs. Who can access: Faculty, students, staff. Contact person: Jenny Davis
- E. Dr. Randy McDonald, Director of Office of Instructional Technology:
- i. Provided explanation of the proposed revisions for compensation of intellectual property for the designing and maintenance of online courses.

III. Officers Report:

A. Chair, Senator Bobo report to the BOR:

- i. Handgun Bill resolution was given to President Pattillo. He was pleased with the resolution and he gave the resolution to Representative/Senator Clardy and Representative/Senator Nichols.
- ii. A request was made to the Board of Regents (BOR) for the addition of an *ex officio* faculty member: would allow the Senate a seat similar to the student representative; would provide an insight into the workings of the BOR.
- iii. Core Curriculum Survey: Reported to BOR that faculty, particularly those directly tied to teaching core courses, are not satisfied with the new Core Curriculum. Faculty appreciated the opportunity to attend the Core Curriculum Forum.
- iv. Summer Program Budget: Request was made for consideration to restore summer pay. We are still in the 2nd year of the Biennium and the summer pay will stay the same.
- v. Emergency Plan University wide was discussed with the deans.

B. Chair Elect, Senator Cooper:

- i. BOR: need more representation at meeting. They are held at the Austin Building. All are welcomed as schedules allowed.
- ii. Summer salaries could be used as a retention tool. Some faculty use summer salaries as supplementary.

C. Secretary, Senator Powell:

- i. No report

D. Treasurer, Senator Cook:

- i. Current Budget: \$3681.14

IV. Approval of minutes #409: Motion by Senator Coble; 2nd Senator Franks, passed.

V. Committee:

A. External:

- i. Distance Education : No report
- ii. Core Curriculum Advisory Council Committee: Still working on the draft
- iii. Policy:

1. Academic Freedom and Responsibility's (A-2.5) after Senate review, recommendations will be submitted for their 2/15 meeting.
 2. Academic and Professional Qualification's (A-49) after Senate review, recommendations will be submitted for their 2/15 meeting.
 - iv. Misc.: Calendar: Spring, 2014 classes will start week before MLK holiday
- B. Internal:
- i. Ethics:
 1. Senator Austin next meeting will be 2/25; no immediate changes. Request input from senate faculty for suggested changes to the Constitution and Standing Rules. Request was made for Ethics and Elections committees work with Senators Powell and Migl to address voting rights of the School of Nursing and Military Science.
 2. Voting for School of Nursing (SON) and Military Science (MS): Senator Migl will contact Military Science Commander recommend wording for voting purposes and Banner software also played a part in excluding these two departments in the voting process.
 - ii. Professional Welfare:
 1. Senator Carlos will be sending out a request to deans for recommendations for Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award.
 - iii. Communication Committee:
 1. Senator Coble presentation for improving faculty dialogue across campus on the internet. She demonstrated Ning Network for Professional Networking using non-commercial site.

VI. Old Business:

A. Core Curriculum Adversary Council/Committee survey results:

- i. Still working on the draft

B. Summer Salary:

- i. We are still in the 2nd year of the Biennium and the summer pay will stay the same.

VII. New Business:

A. Policy order for review:

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- ii. Academic and Professional Qualification's (A-49) after senate review, recommendations will be submitted for their 2/15 meeting.
- iii. Faculty Workload (A-18): next meeting
- iv. Overload Assignments (A-37): next meeting
- v. Meeting and Conducting Classes (A-31): submitted to PC: completed

VIII. Adjourned at 5:10pm: motion Senator Runnels and 2nd Senator Austin.

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Powell