

Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Senators: Agwuele, Bell-Metereau, Blunk, Cavitt, Conroy, Covington, Czyzewska, Feakes, Furney, Hindson, Jimenez, Payne, Sriraman, Weill

Guests: Juan Guerra, AVP Facilities; Robyn Diaz, Alkek Library liaison

Information Items

- Senate chair called for suggestions for Faculty Senate brochure.
- PPS 6.01 Proposal to end Distinguished Associate Professor Emeritus title; has never been awarded. Senate has time to consider and respond.
- Athletic Academic awards brochure distributed.
- Joint CAD/Faculty Senate meeting, 4/30, 3:00, JCK 11th floor; chair welcomes agenda item suggestions.
- Wed. Aug 20th from noon to 1:15 Alkek 105; Dr. Bond asked for rsvp

Council of Chairs 4/3 meeting report, Feakes

- Dr. Lou Jimenez, registrar, and Dr. Heintze, VPEM, discussed chairs' issues with first-call classrooms being loaned to different groups, without consulting with chairs. Room reservation agreement lists requirements; concerns about security and access to rooms.
- New faculty orientations will be on the agenda at the next COC meeting, to discuss possible overlap with departmental orientations. Adjunct faculty need net ID and parking information before classes begin.

Council of Academic Deans (CAD) 4/8 meeting report, Conroy

- Graduate College Dean is instituting graduate awards; these university awards will follow processes for national awards. Official notice is forthcoming
- Round Rock faculty video conferencing for professional development (Marsha Moore). Microsoft Lync program will be available at faculty desks. Training will be online. Professional development includes staff as well as faculty.

Facilities Report, AVP Juan Guerra

Sustainability initiatives

- Agriculture Department has composting, and websites post sustainability efforts of departments and units.
- The university has energy and water conservation in place; campus standards; watering conservation program; housing and residence life initiatives; dining services reducing solid waste stream, purchase of green products in the dining halls.

- Facilities is working on a utilities master plan, power meters and water meters (chilled water). A software application will be on the web and a green screen at UAC. Motion sensor lights will be in newer units, with timers and dimmers, LED lights, and proposed model solar panels.
- Other efforts include demonstration projects, thermal panels. Year total is about \$12 million for utilities--electric, wastewater, water, gas, etc. The university recovers water and condensate, refurbishes pipes. Roof rainwater is pumped into cisterns. UAC and performing arts building divert rainwater. Renovations give opportunity to recover.
- Deferred maintenance was discussed.
- Concern that present resources allow for keeping up with repairs and renovations, but not modernizing physical plant overall. Maintenance focuses on roofing and elevators; imminent danger; routine maintenance, such as painting, etc.
- Gas lines are pressure tested and devices tested twice a year in residence halls, some buildings.

Outsourcing:

- Senators expressed concerns about buildings not being locked after cleaning; transitioning to outsourcing occurs through attrition; quality assurance inspectors, and in-house crew that uses a checklist. Issues go to contractor. Submit work request. Child Development Center has concerns.

Old Business

- University Research Committee REP college allocation revision considered 2012, 2013 and 2014 actual vs. adjusted amounts; Senate accepted proposal to use actual requested amount totals.
- Adjunct Faculty Workload Release Program dotNet application; senate does not want veto of candidates to be an option in the application form.
- Joint meeting with Deans discussion items:
 - Summative review of chairs
 - Faculty Requests application
 - Deans connecting with faculty
 - M&O allocation formula committee report

New Business

- Faculty workload release for service requests due by June 1 for Senate Committees
- Committee on Committees report by Dr. Bill Stone on April 30 (4:00, PAAG, Regents Room; 5:00 Senate, JCK 880).
- Faculty member expressed concern about E cigarettes use on campus.
- Librarian career ladder review process report is scheduled for April 16, 2014.

Approval of amended 4/2/14 minutes

5:43 Adjournment