

## **Faculty Senate Meeting – May 2, 2017**

**Senators Present:** Polly Allred, Ambrose Anoruo, Maria Ayala-Schueneman, Santa Barraza, Marion Blake, Jieming Chen, Horacio Duarte, Christine Fiestas, Ann Fronckowiak, Karen Fugerson, Armando Garza, Kristopher Garza, Christopher Hearon, Brent Hedquist, Elizabeth Janzen, Joseph, Jones, Dongnyoung Kim, Larry Knight, Tanner Machado, Lana McDonnell, Brian Menaker, Craig A. Meyer, Richard Miller, Tim Oblad, Patricia Polastri, Joseph Sai, Ari Sherris, Jack Shorter, Tushar Sinha, Amit Verma, Randall Williams, Pamela Wright, Subbarao Yelisetti, Hong Zhou

**Senators Absent:** Natasha Bell, Rudolf Bohm, Jeffrey Glick, Kai Jin, Patrick Mills, Barbara Oates, Elda E. Sanchez, Nuri Yilmazer

**Attending:** Dr. Heidi Anderson

- I. **Call to Order and Quorum Call – 3:36 p.m.**

President Miller asked the parliamentarian, Polly Allred, if enough members were present for a quorum. Senator Allred replied in the affirmative.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from April Faculty Senate Meeting**

President Miller asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes. The minutes were approved.
- III. **Presentations:**
  - a. **Presentation from Dr. Heidi Anderson, Provost**
    - Dr. Anderson reported on the Coordinating Board meeting in April.
    - Dr. Anderson reported that Dr. Tom Spencer would be joining the University as Dean of Honors College and was waiting on the Chancellor to announce the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences.
    - Dr. Anderson reported that this Summer she would be looking into faculty workload, AdAstra, and faculty involvement in retention among other things.
    - Questions were asked about student financial aid. Dr. Anderson referred those questions for Dr. Riley
    - Senator Verma asked about Summer salary and number of days teaching from 4 to 5 days. Dr. Anderson responded that teaching in Summer was an option. That 45 contact hours were expected.
- IV. **Report of Officers**
  - a. Senate President Miller reported on the luncheon with Dr. Tallant in which the following items were discussed:
    - Administrative Control Over Computers for Full-Time Faculty was discussed and Dr. Tallant suggested the formation of a task force to look at what other institutions do.
    - Office hours reduced from 10 to 5 would be a new rule to be added to the Faculty Handbook.
    - Summer school and salaries were discussed and President Tallant agreed to form a working group to see what peer universities are doing.
    - The budget situation with the legislation was discussed.
- V. **Old Business**
  - a. Administrative Control Over Computers for Full-Time Faculty – a task force will be appointed to look at how other institutions do it.

- b. Charge to Handbook Committee to revise in accordance with revised Constitution – Constitution goes to Faculty at Large (electronically)
- c. Minimum required office hours
- d. Workload document – Provost working with this issue. A discussion was held on the differences and expectations between colleges. Advising, teaching, research and the different weights for graduate and doctoral classes. After discussion, Senate President Miller pointed out the three options available to the Senate: 1) Move to adopt & amend, 2) Send back to Committee, 3) Send it forward. Senators Duarte and Sherris moved to pass the resolution. Senator Janzen pointed out unfair workload in comparison with other institutions. Resolution passed as amended to be voted in September.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Election/Appointment of Senators to Senate and non-Senate Committees
  - Committee on Committees (One Representative from each College and the Library)
    1. A&S Subbarao Yelisetti
    2. AGR Tanner Machado
    3. BUS Dongyoung Kim
    4. EDU Kristopher Garza
    5. ENG Tushar Sinha
    6. LIB María de Jesús Ayala-Schueneman
  - Election Committee (One Representative from each College and the Library)
    1. A&S Joseph Jones
    2. AGR Tim Oblad
    3. BUS Jack Shorter
    4. EDU Karen Fugerson
    5. ENG Joseph Sai
    6. LIB María de Jesús Ayala-Schueneman
  - Resolution and Bylaws Committee (One Representative from each College and the Library)
    1. A&S Craig A. Meyer
    2. AGR Ambrose Anoruo
    3. BUS Dongyoung Kim
    4. EDU Armando Garz
    5. ENG Nuri Yilmazer
    6. LIB María de Jesús Ayala-Schueneman
- b. Discussion/Ratification of the Action Plan. The action plan was presented, discussed, and passed.

**VII. Adjournment:** At 5:15 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made and passed.

**Respectfully submitted**

**María de Jesús Ayala-Schueneman**