

Faculty Senate Meeting – December 6, 2016

Senators Present: Polly Allred, Ambrose Anoruo, Maria Ayala-Schueneman, Bart Ballard (2), Santa Barraza (2), April Conkey, Barbara Cooke, Christine Fiestas, Ann Fronckowiak, Armando Garza, Kristopher Garza, Stan Hodges, Patricia Huskin, Elizabeth Janzen, Don Jones, Dongnyoung Kim, Larry Knight, Melody Knight, Jody Marin, Bruce Marsh (2), Lifford McLauchlan (2), Craig A. Meyer, Richard Miller, Barbara Oates (1), Joseph Sai, Jack Shorter, Chang Sung, Randall Williams (1), Pamela Wright, Muhittin Yilmaz, Hong Zhu (1)

Senators Absent: Armando Ibanez (3), Xiaoliu Chi (2), Christopher Hearon, Kai Jin, David Ramirez (2), Kathleen Rees (2), Joachim Reinhuber (2), Chongwei Xiao (2), Subbarao Yelisetti, Nuri Yilmazer,

Attending: Dr. Heidi Anderson

- I. Call to Order and Quorum Call – 3:40 p.m.**
 - President Chaloo asked the parliamentarian, Polly Allred, if there were enough members for a quorum. Senator Allred replied in the affirmative.
- II. Approval of Minutes from November Senate Meeting**
 - President Chaloo asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes. The minutes were approved.
- III. Presentations:**
 - a) Presentation from Provost, Dr. Heidi Anderson:**
 - Dr. Anderson thanked the faculty for “all you do.”
 - Dr. Anderson reported on the progress of several search committees: for the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences; for the Dean of the Honors College; and for the Registrar.
 - Dr. Anderson mentioned that the Board of Regents’ System Strategic Planning Committee has completed a draft. TAMUK will be responsible for 20 metrics in the draft.
 - Dr. Anderson commended the Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Dr. Kathleen Rees, for her six years as chair and co-chair.
 - Dr. Anderson is currently reviewing tenure and promotion files.
 - Dr. Anderson reminded faculty that student grades must be submitted on time.
 - Dr. Anderson responded to several questions concerning the proposed merger with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.
- IV. Report of Officers**
 - Faculty Senate President Chaloo reported on the merger issue and on the Provost’s task force on August intersession. August intersession classes are cancelled. He also reported on financial aid package problems.
- V. Old Business**

- Annual Faculty Evaluation Report: Senator Miller asked that the report be approved and forwarded to the Council of Chairs. The motion was moved by Senator Allred and second by Senator Anoruo. The motion passed and Senate President Chaloo will take the report to the Council of Chairs.

VI. New Business

- Faculty Teaching Load. Senator Fiestas brought up the need to revisit this issue. Among other issues, the report will explore research, service, number of students, and what other institutions are doing. Senators Yilmaz, Fiestas, Anoruo, Barraza, and Allred will help prepare the draft for discussion. It was recommended that the Resolutions and Bylaws Committee will then prepare a resolution asking for a reduced teaching load across the board.
- Program Coordinator Teaching Load: Senator Huskin brought up the issues related to program coordinators and the fact that there is no job description and usually no release time or even departmental support. Senator Allred suggested reviewing the new System-wide titles the University will be using and to gather more information.
- Senator Meyer asked for a motion or resolution that gives administrative control over campus computers to faculty. After a brief discussion, it was recommended that a draft should be prepared and reviewed and then referred to Resolution & Bylaws Committee. Senator Shorter reminded the Senate about probable security issues.

VII. Senate and University Committee Reports and Updates

- a. SRI Implementation Committee: Senator Janzen had nothing to report.
- b. Committee to Review the Faculty Senate Constitution: Senator Ballard recommended that Senators read the Constitution and the recommended changes in advance of discussion at the next meeting.
- c. Student Survey on Faculty Office Hours: Senator Miller reported that students preferred email communication. Senator Miller will broach this issue at the next luncheon with the President and Provost and collect additional data with the assistance of senators who will distribute the survey to their students.

VIII. Announcements

Announcements included a proposal to make A&M Kingsville a sanctuary campus, graduation ceremony, and the Senior Art Exhibit at the First Community Bank.

IX. Motion to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. was made and passed.

Respectfully submitted

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