

## **Faculty Senate Meeting – February 7, 2017**

**Senators Present:** Polly Allred, Ambrose Anoruo, Maria Ayala-Schueneman, Bart Ballard (2), Santa Barraza (2), Christine Fiestas, Ann Fronckowiak, Armando Garza, Kristopher Garza, Christopher Hearon, 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, David Ramirez (2), Kathleen Rees (2), Joseph Sai, Jack Shorter, Chang Sung, Randall Williams (1), Pamela Wright, Chongwei Xiao (2), Subbarao Yelisetti, Muhittin Yilmaz, Nuri Yilmazer, Hong Zhu (1)

**Senators Absent:** April Conkey, Armando Ibanez (4), Xiaoliu Chi (2), Barbara Cooke, Kai Jin (2), Barbara Oates (1), Joachim Reinhuber (3),

**Attending:** Dr. Heidi Anderson, Ms. Barbara Collins

### **I. Call to Order and Quorum Call – 3:36 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 December Faculty 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:**

- Provost Anderson said Dr. Ruiz was on the road and for that reason she would report for him about the Academic Calendar, which is available online. The Fall semester will start on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and end on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Summer session classes will be from Monday through Friday. There is a 45 hour contact requirement that must be met. Any questions may be referred to Dean Ruiz or the interim Registrar Millie Slaughter.
- Dr. Anderson reminded the Senate that the Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee is Dr. Kathleen Rees and Dr. John Cicala is the incoming Chair of the Committee.
- An online graduation process will be piloted this Spring, College of Business Administration and the College of Education and Human Performance will be testing it.
- Degree works is 98.8% accurate now.
- A task force has been appointed, (Dr. Shannon Baker, Dr. Rick Miller, Dr. Tom Kruger, and Dr. Michelle Johnson-Vela) to consider ways of evaluating teaching in addition to SRIs in addition to SRIs.
- The Provost shared her experience at the Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting especially Marc Becker's Strategic Planning & Transformation presentation.
- The Provost answered several questions that were brought up.

#### **B. Presentation from Barbara Collins, Disability Resource Center Coordinator:**

- Ms Collins spoke concerning the faculty responsibilities in dealing with student with disabilities and encouraged people to watch the YouTube video from the University of Texas, about 8 minutes long.
- Ms. Collins shared the resources available to faculty and students.

#### **IV. Report of Officers**

- Faculty Senate President Chaloo reported that there is a Senate election coming in early March. The elections will be conducted by the Election Committee.
- Two resolutions are being referred to the Resolutions and By-Laws Committee: Faculty Workload and Administrative Control Over Computers for Full-Time Faculty.

#### **V. Old Business**

- Faculty Senate Constitution - Senator Ballard reported that it was very important to review the Constitution and the proposed changes. Senator Ballard explained the process for amending the Faculty Senate Constitution.
- Faculty Teaching Load – Senator Fiestas reported on the Committee’s survey of faculty loads in other institutions. A resolution will come forward in March. Several questions were asked and answered.
- Program Coordinator Teaching Load – Update – Senators Huskin and Miller gave an update on this issue. There is no consistency across campus concerning program coordinators. Questions were asked and answered.
- Student Survey on Faculty Office Hours – Senators Knight and Miller reported that students prefer email. A resolution will be sent to Resolutions and By-Laws Committee. Issue will be presented to President Dr. Tallant and Provost Dr. Anderson.

#### **VI. New Business**

- Senate Committee Duties and Timelines – Senator Miller reminded the Senate that the University Committees will be filled with current faculty for next year.

#### **VII. Senate and University Committee Reports and Updates**

- SRI Implementation Committee – Senator Elizabeth Janzen will bring more information in March after she meets with Committee.

#### **VIII. Announcements**

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2017

#### **IX. Motion to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. was made and passed**

**Respectfully submitted**

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