

## Faculty Senate Meeting – November 1, 2016

Senators Present: Polly Allred, Ambrose Anoruo, Maria Ayala-Schueneman, Bart Ballard (2), Xiaoliu Chi (1), April Conkey, Barbara Cooke, Christine Fiestas, Ann Fronckowiak, Armando Garza, Kristopher Garza, Christopher Hearon, Stan Hodges, Patricia Huskin, Elizabeth Janzen, Kai Jin, Don Jones, Dongnyoung Kim, Larry Knight, Melody Knight, Jody Marin, Bruce Marsh (2), Craig A. Meyer, Richard Miller, Barbara Oates (1), David Ramirez (1), Kathleen Rees (1), Joseph Sai, Jack Shorter, Chang Sung, Randall Williams (1), Pamela Wright, Chongwei Xiao (1), Subbarao Yelisetti, Muhittin Yilmaz, Nuri Yilmazer, Hong Zhu (1)

Senators Absent: Santa Barraza (2), Armando Ibanez (2), Lifford McLaughlan (2), Joachim Reinhuber (1)

Attending: Dr. Heidi Anderson, Ms. Deborah Branstetter

- I. Call to Order and Quorum Call – 3:33 p.m. Quorum Present
- II. Approval of Minutes from September Senate Meeting  
Approved with amendment reflecting that three course load issue and prompt emailing of Senate minutes was brought up in the October meeting.
- II. Presentations
  - a. Provost, Dr. Heidi Anderson
    - Reported three Search Committees have begun their work (for the Registrar; the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences; and the Dean of the Honors College.
    - Stated that the online application process to apply for graduation was still being created with Banner and Degree Works. The pilot will be conducted in Spring 2017.
    - Diplomas would be mailed after graduation.
    - Restated that faculty members play a crucial role in retention and recruitment.
    - Commended the SRI Committee for suggesting a peer to peer evaluation.
    - Gave brief overview of THECB meeting.
  - b. Ms. Deborah Branstetter, Manager of Travel Services
    - Discussed travel issues.
- IV. Report of Officers
  - Faculty Senate President Chaloo reported on the committee recommendations that have been made by the Senate Executive Committee.

- Senator Miller reported on the lunch meeting with President Tallant and Dr. Anderson
- Senator Ayala-Schueneman did not make a report as Provost Anderson had reported on the Dean's meeting.

#### V. Old Business

- Senator Miller made a motion to endorse the Annual Faculty Evaluation report and requested that it be included in the Faculty Handbook with recommended changes. After a long discussion Senator Miller withdrew the motion.

#### VI. New Business

- No new business.

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

- a. Senator Janzen, SRI Implementation Committee, 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 the next meeting.
- c. Senator Allred reported on the meeting of the University Strategic Enrollment Management Committee.
- d. Senator Huskin brought up issues related to program coordinators and the fact that there is no job description and usually no release time or even departmental support.

#### VIII. Adjournment - 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday December 6, 2016

Respectfully submitted

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