Faculty Senate Minutes
Jan. 17, 2018 #354

Senators Present Were: Boren, Pease, Zugay, Al-Hmoud, Barenberg, Brittsan, Couch, Ireland, Johnson, Jonsson, Lavigne, Legacey, McChesney, Mosher, Rice, Singh, Skidmore, Thacker, Thompson, Wilde, Williams, Dass, Romi, Crews, Matteson, Karp, Snoeyink, Hodes, Blum, Jai, Weiser, Cochran, King, Litsey, McEniry, Keene, Langford, Flueckiger, Meek, CM Smith, and Stetson. Senators absent were: Sharma, Verble, Zook, Calkins, Juan, Kaye, Mayer, Pare, Rider, Siwatu, Fedler, Hernandez, Nejat, Zuo, Ivey, Kalenkoski, Henry, Bucy, Gring, Strieder and Wascoe-Hays.


- Call to order – Gene Wilde, Faculty Senate President – 3:19pm
  - No quorum, meeting for informational purposes only.

- Discussion of minutes, Meeting #352, November 8, 2017 – 3:19pm
  - No corrections offered.

- Introduction of Guests – 3:20pm
  - Guests were: Dr. Joseph Heppert-Vice President for Research, Dr. Michael Orth, Chairperson for the Conflict of Interest Committee, Dr. Michael Galyean-Provost, Dr. Rob Stewart- Senior Vice Provost, S. Ramkumar-Parliamentarian, Jean Pearson Scott-Ombudsperson, Ashlee Brown-Staff Senate, CassiDe Street -IRB

- Speakers – 3:20pm
  - Dr. Joseph Heppert- Vice President for Research
    - Has enjoyed getting to know faculty at TTU
    - Strategic planning – will write our own
    - VPR office should be comprehensive: education, research/creative activities, outreach interrelated
    - Intensity and quality research should rise, especially as we continue to hire faculty who are better than we are
    - Changes in our office
      - Kathleen Harris retirement
      - Searching for new Faculty Fellows
        - Target diverse disciplines, not just STEM
        - Hope to recruit for more prominent role
      - Research Advisory Council
        - more active role in encouraging research
        - key is to help junior faculty
        - find areas for investment
      - Expand federal research dollars
- helps everyone by giving VPR more discretionary funds
  - Encourage engagement and entrepreneurship
    - Support Hub, raise profile
- Contact me with any questions or concerns

- Dr. Michael Orth, Chairperson for the Conflict of Interest Committee
  - I was asked to chair this committee that was set up under OP 10.20
  - Started meeting about a year ago to look at conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment
  - Dealt confidentially with several cases that were in the pipeline
  - Now working on white paper to describe committee and its role
  - Would like to be available as a resource to those with questions about possible activities
  - E.g., questions about textbook adoptions

Question Senator Crews: Could a faculty member appeal to this committee if the Dean said no?

Answer Dr. Orth: Yes, that would be appropriate.

Question Parliamentarian Ramkumar: Is the committee membership public knowledge?

Answer Dr. Orth: It shouldn't be a secret, but we don't yet have a website. There are six members of the committee plus an administrative assistant.

Question Senator Flueckiger: Where is the line or a conflict of interest or conflict of commitment?

Answer Dr. Orth: This isn't always clear. The issue is really where the pendulum swings.

Answer Dr. Heppert: National norms for conflicts of commitment are becoming clearer, and the usual limit on time commitment is pretty generous, 20%. In terms of technology and licensing, the primary issue is who negotiates a contract with a university.

- Old Business – 3:50

- Committee Reports – 3:50
  - Faculty Status and Welfare – Senator Cochran
    - OP 74.04 on intellectual property revised again in consultation with General Counsel, Provost, Senior Vice Provost
    - minor changes offered re: student rights, University employees
      - FS&W is in agreement
    - Call for vote – passed unanimously
  - Agenda Committee – President Wilde
    - Discussion of OPs to be streamlined, only OPs that need discussion will be brought to body
Administrator Evaluation Survey – Senator Couch
  ▪ Will be launched January 23
  ▪ Will be open at least 5 weeks (depending on response)
  ▪ Please fill it out and encourage others to do so

Liaison Reports
  ▪ Academic Council-Vice President Litsey
    • Proposal to change academic calendar
      o Fall semester to begin on Wednesday, not Monday
      o various advantages: extra time between summer and fall, Carol of Lights on Friday, full week after Thanksgiving, etc.

Question Senator Karp: Will this mean starting earlier or later?
Answer VP Litsey: Later.

Question Senator Crews: When will this go into effect?
Answer VP Litsey: 3-5 years in the future.
Answer SVP Stewart: Process is just beginning, faculty will be consulted.

New Business
  ▪ Professors of Practice – President Wilde
    • Does the Faculty Senate represent Professors of Practice?
      o Referred to ad hoc committee for study
      ▪ Academic Programs Committee + Senator Daas + Michael Ryan
  ▪ Nominations Committee – President Wilde
    • Formally ask committee to solicit nominations for senator officers

Announcements
  ▪ President Wilde
    • Senate nomination ballots will go out soon
    • Please encourage nominations
  ▪ Parliamentarian Ramkumar
    • AAUP will meet January 28 3 PM in Provost's conference room

Adjournment 5:05
  ▪ Motion Senator Lavigne, Second Senator Boren