

**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.

**Senators Excused 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 on 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
      - Fall semester to begin on Wednesday, not Monday
      - 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?
      - 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