

Faculty Senate Business Meeting

April 2, 2018

Members present: Douglas Airhart, Ismet Anitsal, S.K. Ballal, Deborah Ballou, Jason Beach, Tammy Boles, Debra Bryant, Andrew Callender, Corinne Darvennes, Ahmed ElSawy, Steven Frye, Stuart Gaetjens, Mark Groundland, David Hajdik, Jeremy Hansen, Ann Hellman, Paula Hinton, Shelia Hurley, Steve Idem, Barbara Jared, Christy Killman, David Larimore, Regina Lee, Jane Liu, Lori Maxwell, Tony Michael, Linda Null, Brian O'Connor, Joseph Ojo, Jeff Roberts, LeeAnn Shipley, Cara Sisk, Troy Smith, Sandi Smith-Andrews, Holly Stretz and Jeremy Wendt

Members absent: Troy Brachey, Chris Brown, Ward Doubet, Billye Foster, Melissa Geist, Christine Miller, Holly Mills, and Richard Rand

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM by Senate President Killman.

Approval of Agenda

Senator Darvennes made a MOTION to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Senator Ballou seconded. The agenda was APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes & Notes

Senator Hinton made a MOTION to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018 and the notes of March 19, 2018. Senator Stretz seconded. The motion was APPROVED.

New Business

a. Pre-Litigation Hold

Ms. Kae Carpenter advised Senators on the pre-litigation hold, and asked for any questions.

b. Faculty Senate Website Comments

A copy of the comments posted since mid-January on the Faculty Senate website was shared with Senators. A question arose if the calendar committee still exists, and if any faculty member is on it. Some heard that VP Johnson will be told to do something about the calendar committee.

There was some concern over these comments not being dealt with. Senate President Killman said she takes care of many of them with a phone call, or relaying them to appropriate parties. Some matters are addressed in Senate meetings and then recorded in the minutes which are posted on the website for everyone to see. There have been about 68 comments since September 2016 when this was made available.

c. Faculty Senate Procedures Report

The Faculty Senate Procedures Subcommittee drafted Senate procedures after the officer duties were approved. Faculty Senate is not governed by sunshine laws, and is allowed to have closed meetings. This will be discussed in the future, and maybe some restrictions proposed.

2. Continue to post Senate meeting agendas, minutes, resolutions, and other relevant items on the Senate web page;
3. Incorporate Faculty Senate reports into College or Department Faculty meetings. College Senators are responsible for summarizing Senate business and discussions with the University President in these meetings;
4. Appoint a Faculty Senate Communications Director to assist with Senate communications efforts, such as the Senate web site, listserv, and any additional Senate communication initiatives.

Senator Ballou made a MOTION that the Faculty Senate implement these communication efforts. It was also suggested to have a communications director as an officer of the Senate. Senator Smith-Andrews made friendly amendment to point 4 above (as currently written above). Senator Ballou accepted the friendly amendment. This communications director could even be the contact person for the comments submitted on our website, and respond to them. The motion was APPROVED.

b. Outsourcing

Senate President Killman asked if there was desire for a resolution regarding outsourcing now that we know JLL is out, and the SSC contract will be extended for one more year. Mark Greenwood would be the one to talk to about our cost savings. A RFP will go out next year. Some Senators said the problem is that there is no quality assurance in some buildings now. Most folks are pleased with maintenance. The fringe benefits is worth more than a custodian's salary, but is expensive to Tech if custodial services are handled in-house. What would we save by in-sourcing custodial services?

Senators agreed to continue discussion of this topic at a later date. It was decided that a resolution is not in order today, but we need to find out what data is necessary to gather and then revisit this topic early in the fall semester.

Other Such Matters

Senator Larimore said a budget report should be part of every business meeting, even though they don't meet very often. The Budget Advisory Committee met in March, which was the first time since last October.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Lee,
Faculty Senate Secretary

Approved: April 23, 2018