

Faculty Senate Minutes for February 21, 2014

In Chair Julie Isaacson's absence, Senator John Hall called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Delta Center for Economic Development, Room 201.

Approval of the minutes of January 31, 2014

Dr. William Maynard (Proxy for Alex Sydorenko) moved to approve the minutes of 31 January 2014. The motion was seconded by Senator Larz Roberts. All were in favor.

Early Retirement—Lori Winn

Lori Winn (Human Resources) announced that she was hoping to find favor from the Board of Trustees next Friday, 28 February 2014, regarding early retirement. The notice of 11 February spoke of the program in general. All is contingent upon approval. A brief discussion clarified that this is a one-time offer only for 2014. If approved, there would be a 45-day window for people to participate. The opportunity would close on 14 April 2014. For those retiring this year, the stipulation for eligibility includes 62 years of age, and 15 subsequent years of service.

Old Business:

Advising 13FA-01—sent to Chancellor

Senator John Hall reminded the Senate that this item had been approved; however, minor editing was necessary. It has been sent back to the Chancellor for review and approval.

Selection of Dept. Chairs & Deans—revised 13FA-03 (attached)—ready for SGOC?

Senator John Hall explained that this document has been reformatted to fit the Faculty Handbook. It is out for review and will not be voted upon today.

Academic Calendar 13 FA-06—pulled for re-evaluation by ACC

This item has been pulled due to many concerns. More time will be taken to consider the best options in scheduling.

Evaluation of Administrative Duties to PRT 13FA-07 (attached)—ready for vote

The vote to approve was moved by Dr. William Maynard and seconded by Senator Win Bridges. Senator Hans Hacker questioned why this proposal did not originate with the Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Committee. Senator John Hall clarified that anyone is allowed to submit to the Shared Governance Oversight Committee. This proposal came from the deans. Senator Warren Jones expressed the concerns from his colleagues in Humanities and Social Sciences. This document calls for a lot of changes. In their opinion, it is an excessive amount of actual requirements for receiving tenure. Senator

Richard Segall concurred that some of his colleagues were vehemently opposed, but not all. The resulting vote: 27 opposed; 0 in favor; 1 abstention. The proposal did not pass.

Modification of Post Tenure Review 13-FA-08 (attached)—ready for vote

The motion was made by Dr. William Maynard to approve. Senator Judy Pfriemer seconded the motion. The proposal was not passed. Vote: 24 opposed; 0 in favor; 3 abstentions.

Dean John Pratte (Sciences and Mathematics) advised Senators to please take a look at Appendix C, highlighting that a faculty member could be fired within one semester. The current system contains no appeal process. Senator Bill Rowe commented that the problem lies in the fact that the Faculty Handbook was not written by the faculty. Senator John Hall announced that the Executive Committee would like to recommend that the document be taken to the University Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Committee. The Dean's Council could then work together with UPRTC in revising the proposal. The Faculty Handbook Committee should also be involved in this process.

Senator Amany Saleh commented that the Faculty Handbook required much revision. Senator Hans Hacker moved to approve the Executive Committee's endorsement for the document to be reviewed and revised by UPRTC and the Dean's Council. Dr. William Maynard suggested that we use the handbook originally written by the faculty. The handbook should be brought up to date and the revised proposal of the UPRTC and the Dean's Council should be included. The motion was seconded by Amany Saleh. The motion passed.

Memorial for Dr. Cooksey's mother

Senator John Hall announced that those who wanted to donate to a Memorial Fund for Vice Chancellor Lynita Cooksey's mother should write checks to the Faculty Association Memorial.

Discrimination Policy

Senator John Hall stated that this policy is still a work in progress. Chair Julie Isaacson has been inquiring with schools statewide regarding discrimination. It is taking some time to work out matters with Legal Counsel.

New Business:

Gun Control 14 SP-01 (attached)—for discussion

Senator John Hall reminded the Senate that Gun Control is a subject that will be revisited and voted upon each year and every year. Do we want to allow concealed handguns? Last year we adopted out. Senators were asked to check with their constituents and report back at the next meeting.

PRT Process Revision 14SP-02 (attached)—for discussion

Senator John Hall stated that this was a simple Faculty Handbook proposal (see attached). Written feedback is needed. Check with colleagues and report at the next meeting.

Closure of campus polling option per Craighead County Election Commission— Hans Hacker

Senator Hans Hacker pointed out that there is no longer a polling booth available on campus. Dr. Len Frey, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, along with Dr. William Stripling, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, met with the Election Commission on 18 February 2014. In a formal meeting the following day, the Craighead County Election Commission decided that they would like to have a polling site on the ASU campus (most likely at the Armory). Senator Hans Hacker moved that we as a body issue a formal thank you to the administration for their responsiveness to faculty, ensuring that we have a polling place here on campus. The motion was seconded by Senator Warren Johnson. All were in favor.

University Centennial

Senator John Hall mentioned that we are five years away from our next centennial celebration. The upcoming distinguished faculty members need to be decided. The number of retired faculty will be smaller. For our first centennial celebration five years ago, distinguished faculty were selected from a pool dating back to the opening of the university. The Historical Committee of the Faculty Association will drive this event forward and the deans will assist.

Committee Reports: (John)

Patent (Fabricio Medina-Bolivar)

Senator Fabricio Medina-Bolivar mentioned that eight of the eleven members of the Patent Task Force committee met on 19 February 2014 to discuss the operating procedures of the patenting process. A draft is being written that includes four major sections: Invention Disclosure, Patent, Licensing and Royalty. The committee recommends including an intellectual property committee to expedite the patenting process. The new regulations of Export Control were also discussed, and how they affect intellectual property-related activities. The committee suggested that an outside advisory committee should be created to address Export Control. After the meeting, Senator Medina-Bolivar met with Brian Rogers from the Office of Technology Transfer to discuss the patent-related operating procedures.

Export Control

Senator Amany Saleh expressed concerns about not being able to access email while traveling. Dean John Pratte commented that webmail is generally safe to access. Upon return from travel, it is recommended to change your password.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Task Force

This task force needs as many to participate in the pilot.

Faculty Emeriti Advisory Task Force

Chair Julie Isaacson is asking some retirees to come on board with this task force. She also asked Lori Winn for her input, who did her dissertation on this topic. Faculty who are close to retirement are also being encouraged to assist.

Senator Thomas Ratliff moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Senator Larz Roberts. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marika Kyriakos

Senators in Attendance:

Absentees:

Proxies:

Executive Committee:

Chair Julie Isaacson

Agriculture & Technology:

Bill Humphrey

Business:

Hyung Kim
Richard Segall
Jollean Sinclair

Media & Communications:

Pradeep Mishra
Larz Roberts

Education:

Minghui Gao

Joanna Grymes

Julie Grady

John Hall

Andy Mooneyhan
Joe Nichols

Amany Saleh

Engineering:

Shivan Haran

Fine Arts:

Claire (Garrard) Abernathy
Marika Kyriakos
Bill Rowe

Humanities & Social Sciences:

Win Bridges
Warren Johnson

Cherisse Jones-Branch

Phyllis E. Pobst

Hans Hacker
Thomas Ratliff

Alex Sydorenko

Bill Maynard

Nursing & Health Professions:

Brenda Anderson
Kat Carrick
Larry Morton
Bill Payne
Judy Pfriemer

Sciences & Mathematics:

Hai Jiang
Bruce Johnson
Fabricio Medina-Bolivar
Suzanne Melescue

University:

Nikesha Nesbitt

Military Science:

Cecil Clark

Library & Information Resources:

Wendy Crist

