

Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

November 1, 2019

1:00pm–2:05pm

Attendees: Dr. David Yells, Dr. David Allard, Dr. Jan Murdock, Dr. Craig Nakashian, Dr. Ben Neuman, Dr. Abbie Strunc, Dr. Wai Yuen Chan, Dr. Joan Brumm, Dr. Angie Sikorski, Dr. Brian Matthews, Dr. Doug Julien, Dr. Mohamed Morsy, Dr. Julia Allen, Dr. Nurul Alam

Call to order

VPAA Report.....Dr. David Yells

A. Regents report:

1. Regents approved \$2.6 million
2. Regents approved differentiated tuition for nursing, accounting, and engineering.
3. The A&M System is exploring a partnership with the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) for a faculty development program next year. We put forward 5-6 faculty forward to train on-line. The system would pay for it. Upon program completion, you receive an ACUE certificate in effective college instruction. Vice Chancellor Hallmark pointed out that the system does not have an official way to approve good teaching, that those who complete it will be able to be recognized system wide.
4. Another system initiative underway is to purchase a software platform (not required) that helps manage recruitment, hiring, tenure tracking, and compensation needs of faculty. They are soliciting proposals.
5. Dr. Nakashian asked if we could access the same electronic library resources as College Station. Dr. Yells will look into it.
6. Post-tenure review. Vice Chancellor Hallmark presented statistics and four provosts gave their input on how they manage it on their campuses.
7. Dr. Nakashian asked about IT changing the way files are saved and why no one was informed. Dr. Yells said he would check on it.

Approval of Minutes (October 4, 2019).....Dr. David Allard

Approved on unanimous vote.

President of Faculty Senate Report.....Dr. David Allard

A. Meeting with Dr. Cutrer and Dr. Yells

- 1. Dr. Allard asked how many students we would need to get a raise; they did not give him an exact answer. Raises depend upon students paying tuition. One issue discussed was

Consent Agenda Items – Honorary Degrees approved.

Committee Reports and Business Items

- a) Curriculum Committee - Dr. Brumm will see if there are core curriculum changes coming down from CBET and Dr. Julien will do the same for CASE.
- b) Education Technology – working on evaluation of Blackboard.
- c) Academic Standards
- d) Academic Rules and Procedures – move the faculty definitions to workload document and make other changes.
- e) FRED – no submissions are awards.
- f) Faculty Status – no nominations for the Minnie Piper award.
- g) Budget Committee – Dr. Brumm and Dr. Chan are working on the budget for the previous 3 years.

New Business

- a) NBCLearn.....Dr. Julia Allen

Resource NBCLearn (20,000 education videos available, political documents, historical documents, etc.). If you send NBC an email with a syllabus, they will send back an email with videos. No training required. Face to face classroom – you can download it to your personal drive and play it that way. We will not renew NBCLearn if the usage does not pick up in the next year.

- b) Shared Governance.....Dr. David Allard

Dr. Allard – Dr. Yells wants to bring someone from AAUP to give a presentation on shared governance. Will bringing in someone to be a mediator be beneficial or is it going to split hairs more? Do we want to outsource the definition of shared governance to a third party? Dr. Morsy – what is the outcome we are seeking? Dr. Julien – we need to sit down and have a conversation together. Dr. Brumm proposed that the faculty senate bring someone in rather

than the administration. Dr. Strunc thinks we have what we need in the AAUP document. Dr. Allard - the senate constitution needs updating.

Next Meeting: December 6, 2019