

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**December 6, 2019**

Senators Present: Babb, Jeffry (President); King, Robert (Vice President); Anne Medlock (Secretary); Ambrose, Bill; Clark, Elizabeth; Craig, David; Curl, Dan; Farren, Gene; Franken, Noah; Gill, Kristina; Howell, Nathan; Karaganis, Stephen; Kwan, Mun Yee; Leitch, Ken; Lewis, Jeremy; Macaulay, Chris; Ramos-Salazar, Leslie; Rausch, Mary; Rollin, Lisa; Seth, Dan; Tyrer, Pat; Wang, Barbara; Williams, Kevin;

Senators Absent: Castillo, Yvette; Clifton, Noel; Fritzler, Jason; Garcia, Elizabeth;

Substitutes: Phillips, Brad

Welcome/Call to Order

Current and Pending (Old) Business

Elaboration on Minutes, Dr. Clark motioned acceptance of the notes, Dr. Craig seconded

Committee Updates:

Joint Faculty Student Committee on Academic Affairs (standing committee) (Dr. King)

- Meeting again in the spring

Faculty Handbook (complete review of remaining items) (Dr. King)

- No New updates

Instructor Promotion (Dr. Farren)

- Has updated proposal to match TAMU Commerce
- Hope for opportunity to renew with new VPAA
- Will forward materials to distribute

Accessibility and Library Databases (Ms. Rausch, Dr. Babb, Dr. Clark)

- Working on a recommendation for action
- Recommendation will be shared with the Senate before the next meeting
- Will create a document of the sense of all people affected on campus
  - Need to get documentation from our departments

Communications and Perception (Ms. Medlock, Dr. Babb)

- Will meet in the spring, try to have a statement or actionable item by March 31

Faculty Development Leave – a count of 2 long semester allocations available (Dr. Babb, Dr. Lewis)

- Inform colleagues of opportunity
- Need to receive the packet before Feb. 14
  - As outlined in the Faculty Handbook

Fields of Study (committee needed)

- Dr. Schaffer suggests that we embrace and support the Fields of Study
- Fact finding committee to develop a sense of the Fields of Study
  - Dr. Tyrer, FAH; Dr. Williams, AG; Dr. Seth CSM, Dr. Garcia, COESS; Dr. Wang, Business
- There is a university committee

New Business

Ombuds Renewal (Dr. Babb, Dr. Tyrer, Dr. Clark)

- Dr. Byrd happy to continue
- Affirm interest in renewal
- Motioned Tyrer Seconded Clark
  - 23 approve, 1 abstain

Comprehensive Peer Evaluation process for 2019-2020 – Will Conduct in the Spring (Dr. Babb)

- Determine a pool of who can serve in the process
- Packets due March 1

Proposal for Fixed Term Academic Professional Track Faculty Status for Librarians (Dr. Babb, Ms. Rausch, Dr. Tyrer, Dr. Ramos-Salazar, Dr. Clark, Dr. Craig, Dr. Karaganis, Ms. Medlock)

- Comes from the initial draft of the strategic plan
- Many Librarians have faculty status in the A&M system and throughout the state
  - Only WT, Tarleton and Texarkana
    - Is there a reason they don't
  - Only TAMU has full tenure status
    - That is not what they are look for
- Was not fixed term faculty status on campus until 10n years ago
- Purpose stay in Academic Affairs
- Was first documented instance of proposal 1970
  - Nothing since WT has joined the A&M system
- Good case biased on other A&M systems

- Was denied in the 70s and 80s, they were not the same as the academic faculty. Was not a Professional Track Faculty Status.
- Motion to support Fixed Term Academic Professional Track Faculty Status for Librarians as described in the Nov. 8 memo to Dr. Schaffer from Shawna Kennedy-Witthar. Motioned by Dr Craig, seconded, Dr. Tyrer
- In favor 23, against 0, abstaining 3,

Dr. Craig, concern from faculty that IT customer service is lacking and about a lack of server space (Dr. Tyrer, Dr. Babb, Dr. Clark, Dr. Seth)

- Lack of server space with growing use of videos in teaching
- People have been backing up multiple copies of same materials
  - Lack of faculty training
- Ensemble also does not have enough server space
- Need to widen the dialogue to our Deans about server space for expanding online teaching
- Faculty that brought it up has bigger problems with the customer service problem
- Dr. Babb will check with the CIO about storage space

Mr. Ambrose suggests that the Registrar posts the final week schedule before syllabi are due to WT Class.

Ken Leitch move to adjourn.

Seconded by Mary Rausch.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Medlock, Secretary

Minutes submitted 1/17