

Faculty Senate Meeting 12 Apr 2024

Meeting order 12:17 PM

Minutes recorded by Eric Meljac

Fire Safety talk.

Approval of minutes.....Jim second with corrections 16th 1st Matt second approved with correction

Opening Statements

- President: Notification from provost agreement also add McGraw Hill plus Cengage but not finalized. Faculty not required to apply either but options. Dan Patrick's charges for Higher Ed Committee. Focusing on faculty senates. Monitor DEI. Monitor tenure. Dr Terry says so far there has been no pressure on curriculum, and we must be prepared to fight. Pinkham have been audited, however. Discussion of Magister Optimus.
- Pres elect see email.
- Secretary no report

Committees

- Senate Handbook no report
- Joint Committee April 19th Legacy Hall Student gov to host yearly student council information. Price says A&M system shows HR has no authority to terminate Administration must originate and go to HR. HR cannot apparently fire for Training violations. No knowledge as to who decided to cut merit raises. Students are still affected. Committee should write a blanket statement.
- Committee Vacancies. Still taking nominations. Reminder to meet with colleges to schedule senate elections. Last meeting of year is May 3 for returning and new senators. Prior to Appreciation Lunch.

New Business

- Vote on Magister Optimus
- University Handbook Committee Pinkham asks for a discussion regarding the FH says for APS says "tabulation of..." with no context. All are doing differently based on any number of computations. Deans and Provost wants faculty senate to give suggestions for rating teaching effectiveness for tenure and promotion. IOTA can and may be sorted in any way so we need more. Humphreys suggests adding tabulation student evaluations of

teaching effectiveness as the averages of Instructor, course section and response rate, department, college, and university per semester during the /evaluation period.

Ambrose advocates against comparison, and Byrd says he looks for consistent information.

Failure to provide tabulations of effectiveness is prohibited, but Provost and Deans want consistency. Meljac says removing teaching effectiveness in the packet. Eliminate section 6 removes it. Garcia motions to adopt Humphreys' suggestion

Seconded Pass by acclimation

- Remind regents prof
- Think about the elimination of alumni evaluations from tenure portfolio. Senate previously voted it down. De facto, though, we have none, unless you request. Unclear why there is not an email option. Cost was the reason for not mailing, so why not emailing? (Pinkham) Byrd.....the idea that you can request it is liked, the practical issues of INST RESEARCH is dictation to us, rather than our choice is the issue. Sean finds these valuable and practical.
- Humphrey motions that we keep it, that INST RESEARCH investigate less expensive and high response rate methods, and Terry cc's email to INST RESEARCH so that the mechanism is automatic.

Second Pass by acclimation.

- Motion to adjourn Meljac Seconded. Adjourn 1:59 PM