

Faculty Senate Minutes

March 1, 2019

Senators Present: Babb, Castillo, Clewett, Curl, Davis, Ingrassia, Karaganis, King, Leitch, Lewis, Li, Macdonald, Meljac, Revett, Seward, Wang, Williams, and Woodyard.

Senators Absent: Ambrose, Bartlett, Burnett, Clifton, Franken, Garcia, Kwan, Rollin, and Seth

Substitutes: Kinsky for Franken and Gilbert Antunez for Garcia

Call to Order: Davis called the meeting to order at 12:24 pm in the Eternal Flame Room of the JBK.

Current and Pending (Old) Business

- Status Updates
 - Instructor Promotion Committee
 - Ingrassia: Proposal in progress and will have report after spring break
 - Merit Increase Committee
 - Lewis: No real update. Merit isn't explicitly written at most places.
 - Faculty Development Leave
 - Davis: Done. Forwarded to Dr. Shaffer
 - Student Academic Liaison Committee (OER /No textbook classes)
 - Babb: Feb. 20th met with Elise and Kailee. Students would like to meet three times a semester. Ask for ideas on a "charge" for this committee. Meeting next week will be to achieve this charge across the two committees. Will forward list of other items to discuss.
 - Meljac: Let's process and discuss next meeting.
 - Davis: Should probably have the charge created by the two bodies as these two bodies should work with one another for common goals.
 - Clewett: This is a great opportunity to open the dialog between the two groups.
 - Babb: Check out the email bullets to follow and let me know if there is anything to share before the meeting with the students on March 20th.
 - Student Enrollment Numbers
 - King: 12th class day is the census day, 20th day is the certification day and is the official snapshot until it is certified on or before the 15th of March. As more information is available, more information will be shared.

New Business

- MyEvide Health Assessment
 - Faculty letter after many others (page 2)
 - Resolution passed by Faculty Senate Speakers/Presidents of the TAMUS (page 3)

"We, the Speakers and Presidents of the Faculty Senates/Councils of the Texas A&M University System, collectively believe that compelling employees to share confidential health information protected by law under HIPAA with a third party, for-profit vendor, is fundamentally wrong and violates principles of protection of private information of the employee.

Be it RESOLVED, that Speakers and Presidents of the Faculty Senates/Councils of the Texas A&M University System call upon the Texas A&M University System Health Care Plan to remove the new

requirement for completion of the MyEvide Health Assessment in order to receive credit for the Wellness Premium Incentive.”

- Meljac: Motion to endorse this resolution as a Faculty Senate Body.
- Babb: Second.
 - Discussion:
 - Various discussions occurred involving the importance of HIPAA and information sharing, how this is a third-party that may not have the best of intentions with the data, penalties for not participating versus incentivizing participation, insurance prices continuing to rise, and other similar topics.
 - Vote: In favor- 18, Opposed - 0, Abstained - 2. Motion Passes.
- Streamlined Core Curriculum
 - Davis: There are discussions that the core may have too many options and/or too many hours associated with them. Further questions and clarifications are to be brought forth on the April 5th meeting.

Upcoming Schedule

March 1 –

March 22 -

April 5 - President Dr. Walter Wendler

April 26 –

The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned 1:22 pm

Handsomely and parsimoniously submitted,

Robert King, Secretary Substitute

Minutes approved at March 22, 2019 Faculty Senate Meeting