



2016-2017 Faculty Senate Meeting Notes

February 17, 2017

2:00 pm-4:30 pm

Harlingen Campus, HCEBL 1.100

Notes provided by Senator Saavedra and Senator Wenzel. There are no minutes for the February 17, 2017 meeting since there was no quorum.

Senators Present: Andrew Anabila, Arden Dingle, Aziza Zemrani, Bobbette Morgan, Britt Claude Haraway, Catherine Faver, Donald J. Lyles, DongYop Oh, Dora Saavedra, Douglas Timmer, Eleftherios Gkioulekas, Irasema Gonzalez, Jameela Banu, James Boudreau, James Wenzel, James Whittenberg, Jorge Vidal, Justin Writer, Kathy (Kathleen) Carter, Kelly Leu, Kip Austin Hinton, Laura Seligman, Margaret Graham, Maria Romero-Ramirez, Micky (Dumitru) Caruntu, Sam Sale, Saara Grizzell, Sanjeev Kumar, Teresa Feria Arroyo, Volker Quetschke, Wendy Innis, Wendy Lawrence-Fowler, Wilma Mealer

Senators Absent: Alexander Kazansky, Bailey Wang, Brian Warren, Cory Wimberly, David Anshen, Don Carlson, Fidencio Mercado, Frank Dirrill, Frederick Darsow, Irina Armianu, Irving Levinson, Jacob Neumann, James Bullard, Jeffrey McQuillen, Joe Lacher, John Newman, Jung-II Oh, Katherine Decker, Lilia A. Fuentes, Mahmoud Quweider, Marguerite Dewitt, Maria "Miriam" Herrera, Michael Weaver, Michelle Keck, Nicolas Pereyra, Ranadhir Roy, Robert Gilbert, Rosalinda Hernandez, Sheila Dooley, Sibin Wu, William Donner, Yasar Tasnif

Senators with Excuses: Christopher Vitek, Rosalva Resendiz, Yuanbing Mao, John VandeBerg, Mohammadali Zolfagharian, Jasang Yoon, Murat Karabulut, Ernesto Ramirez, Michelle Alvarado

Visitors: Ala Qubbaj, Cynthia Brown, Havidán Rodríguez, Kristine Croyle, Lisa Smith

I. Welcome/Introductions/Overview

II. Guests: Provost Havidan Rodríguez gave an overview of his presentation.

III. Updates – There were updates on the White Paper, equity and inversion, SACSCOC, and the budget. Equity and inversion/compression continue to be worked on. Colleges have been finalized. College of Engineering and Fine Arts are the latest colleges to be examines. Letters will be going out to the affected faculty. College of Health Affairs will be the next college to be analyzed to determine salary adjustments.

Need to update CVs to be considered for raises.

Hiring freeze has not impacted the faculty searches. Faculty appointments start September 1, 2017 and go through May 31, 2018. The freeze is only through August 31, 2017.

Exemptions have been requested from the Governor's Office for student services and summer instruction.

IV. Old Business (Action Items)

A. Minutes

B. Status of ADM 06-101: The Faculty Role in Shared Governance, complete and posted

V. Blue Ribbon Committee Update

A. Members: Bobbette M. Morgan, Dora Saavedra, Marie Mora, Ala Quabbaj, Dean McHatton, Dean Block, Dean Diaz, Dean Grewal

B. Policy Updates:

1. Tenure and Promotion (next)
2. Grievance (revised)
3. Academic Committees and Councils (reviewed)

VI. Meetings

A. **Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings:** Edinburg Faculty Senate Office Library, Friday, March 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

B. **Faculty Senate Meetings:** Friday, March 31, 2017 from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

VII. Other/Announcements

A. Election of Senators to fill spaces of those rotating off need to be completed in March so new Senators attend the May meeting and participate in the election of officers.

VIII. Closure and Processing