

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
LSC 304

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Chad Hargrave (CoS), Renee James (CoS), Dwayne Pavelock (CoAS), Debbie Price (COE), Tracy Steele (CHSS), Doug Ullrich (CoS).

Meeting called to order by Debbi Hatton at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes from the October 13th meeting were discussed in detail. The body decided to postpone voting on the minutes. Chair Hatton will disseminate the minutes later in the week and conduct an on-line vote.

The week has been very busy and forced the rescheduling of several meetings so Chair Hatton ceded the majority of her time to committee reports. The issues she is following up on are: HEAF, SCH & Enrollment, Central Purchasing Policy and Banner.

Chair Hatton announced that she and Senator Frank would be representing the university at the fall meeting of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates in Austin. Systems Chancellor McCall and Vice-chancellors Perry Moore and Sean Cunningham would be addressing the group on Friday morning. Members of the Senate asked that the representatives voice concern over the \$10k degree and other items.

Academic Affairs – Committee chair James became ill earlier in the day. In light of this unexpected turn of events, the committee asked to send their recommendations to the Senate electronically for review and acceptance. It was decided that the award should be renamed to Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Endeavors to better describe the award's scope.

Committee on Committees – Committee chair Kohers presented the committee's recommendations for the Excellence in Service Award. The Senate voted to accept the recommendations as presented.

Chair Kohers also presented the names of the nominees for the Women's Advisory as well as the Tenure and Promotions Committees. The Senate accepted the nominees.

Faculty Affairs – Committee chair Loeffler presented the committee's recommendations for the Excellence in Teaching. The Senate voted to accept the committee's report.

The Senate felt that there were several practices that should be adopted for the Faculty Excellence awards including:

- 1) All awards should utilize the same calendar to ensure consistency; and
- 2) Award selection committee should include past winners; and
- 3) To retain consistency, selection committee chairs and chair-elects should be selected one year prior to filing the position; and
- 4) There should be four committees to select the awards – ACE, Scholarly and Creative Accomplishment, Service, Teaching (also responsible for selecting the Piper Award recipient); and
- 5) Award finalist should receive a letter acknowledging their selection; and
- 6) Award recipients should be honored in a campus-wide celebration.

The Senate had been asked to submit five issues affecting the faculty. After much discussion it was decided that there were three "umbrella" issues that permeates the acceptance process – the need to know what the Banner staff was working on, there needs to be clarity in the language used (i.e. fixed should mean it is live and useable not just that it has been worked on) and faculty being told that they should have attended training, however, only departmental chairs and staff were included in training sessions. In addition to these items, five specific areas directing impacting faculty were identified. The Senate was asked to draw up a list of five Banner items that were important to faculty and present the list to the Provost. The list consisted of three umbrella issue and five specific areas including: (See attachment)

- 1) Inability to obtain an accurate list of majors and minors
- 2) Ever changing format of class schedules for registration
- 3) Audit information not accessible to advisors
- 4) Inability to obtain an accurate list of faculty by rank, college, FTE, etc.
- 5) Inaccurate GPA due to retakes, etc

This has also become an issue for students in the Honors program who rely on the audit forms to indicate their honors sections.

- d) An issue that is problematic for the Senate specifically is the inability to get a list of faculty by rank, college, FTE, etc. This is