



Faculty Senate

Minutes - January 20, 2017

MLC- Room 643

12:30 PM

MEETING CALLED BY: President, Tiffany Cox, called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM.

NOTE TAKER: Barbara Knotts, Senate Secretary

Members Absent: Castillo, Irvin, Lennon, and Settles

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

- Senator Perez stated that on the December minutes, the next meeting date should read January 20, 2017 (this meeting) and added at the bottom of the agenda dates of the Board of Trustees meetings. The corrections were accepted and the December 2, 2016 minutes approved.

C. Board of Trustees Report

- Senators Tom Cox and Tammy Perez attended the January BOT meeting. Senator Tom Cox pointed out that none of the board members seem to know what to call SACS/COC and was concerned they were eager to talk about having them come back early in June to approve us. In addition, the BOT held a discussion on single accreditation, but evenly tabled the topic.
- Senator Perez shared the revised policy on leadership, which was approved. The BOT voted to place the 400 million Capital Improvement Bond (CIP) on the May 2017 city bond election. The chancellor noted that our branding is being modeled after the UT system. The new branding is being worked on and will be presented soon.

D. Reports of Officers

- President Tiffany Cox announced that no feedback was received on the revised Bylaws. A motion was made and seconded and the Bylaws were approved.

President Tiffany Cox explained that the Executive Faculty Council charged the Faculty Development ad hoc committee to look at the work proposal for the faculty development program and to make a recommendation that reflect what faculty want (i.e., curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching with technology) and how it should be delivered. Each college will develop their faculty development program. A process is being developed to collect the data from faculty to aid with developing the proposal. The committee will also inventory the resources (i.e., experts in their fields, book clubs, and brown bags luncheons) we already have on campus. The goal is to have a faculty development program that we want. EFC is working on a website, which will keep faculty updated on changes and happenings.

- During the board meeting, B.9.1 Policy (leadership skills) was approved. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the SAC Senate President will take forward to Super Senate

a recommendation to establish an ad hoc committee to research what the leadership model might look like. A motion was presented and seconded for the SAC's Senate President to take the Board's policy to the EFC to establish an ad hoc committee to look at what our leadership model might look like. Motion passed.

- Senate President reviewed last year's Spring Faculty Senate Roundtable and recommended some changes for the next one. She recommended making the next roundtable more of an open discussion. Another suggestion was made to send 2-3 senators to the various department meetings. It was decided to ask the Super Chairs at the next meeting what would be the best way to engage faculty.
- Tammy Perez-Vice President provided an update on the Early Alert ad hoc committee, which is part of the EFC. A survey was sent to the Chairs and Faculty Senate Presidents and will also go out to all senators to complete. Their information will help develop a similar survey to send out to all faculty. The Faculty Mentoring program provided training that was very helpful to all users. The next program will be a brown bag lunch on international students and how to help them. Results of the charrette will be distributed to the chairs. Senator Perez plans to visit with each department to answer any questions or concerns. The Faculty Handbook has been edited by Senator Duffy. A new college president has been hired for Northeast Lakeview College, Dr. Veronica Garcia and the Vice President of Academic Success position is scheduled to be advertise.
- Barbara Knotts- Secretary asked the committee chairs to include the senate president in their committee invites.
- Amanda Martin - Adjunct Faculty Council reported on the findings of their survey. It was suggested that the results of the survey be sent to the department chairs. The council is planning to elect a new secretary.

E. CET report

- Senator Teanna Staggs – announced a new policy approved by CET on faculty office hours & workload.

F. SACS/COC update

- Senator Lisa Zottarelli, SACS-COC liaison provided a list of the recommendations from SACS/COC and the college's responses to what we need to do. To address the new Alamo College District change, a team is reviewing the college catalog to change the wording from "Alamo Colleges" to "San Antonio College."

G. Standing Committees

- Communication – Senator Tom Cox: Provided an update on CET's response to Senate's proposal for a common college calendar and a committee will be established. If you would like to serve on the committee please email your name to him. We still need some information from senators to complete the bios and photos project before the website can be uploaded.
- Curriculum – Senator Mike Burton: Presented the updated Faculty Survey. It was suggested to add a comment box. A motion to give this to the survey and election committee to distribute with minor corrections was made. A motion was given for approval and a second was made, and approved. A motion was presented and seconded to accept the survey with the additional of the comment box. Motion passed.

- Policy & Procedures – Senator Jeff Hunt: No report

Research – Senator Erik Anderson: Legislative updates- The “bathroom bill” is being discussed by the House and Senate, which may not pass. There are three bills in the Senate related to tuition under discussion, which may not go anywhere. Discussion are being held on House Bill 393, which is to repeal the in-state tuition for undocumented students. It appears there will be a 4 million short fall in the Alamo Colleges’ budget.

- Elections and Surveys – Senator Julie Engel: Now that the Bylaws have been approved, the Committee will prepare an email to announce election for the Promotion Appeals Committee.

H. Other Business/Announcements

- Senator Black announced that the Advocate Center will close next week for a few days to install shelving.
- Senator Anderson announced that the DREAMer Program has money for students. If you know of any DREAMer students, please have them check with him.

I. Executive session

J. Adjournment - 3:36 pm.

Next Faculty Meeting: March, 2017 - MLC Room 643 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Refreshments for March Meeting: Senators Anderson, Zottarelli, & Duffy
Board of Trustees Standing Committee Meeting- March 7, 2017 – Senators Hunt & Lennon
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting- March, 21, 2017 – Senators Anderson & Hochmeister