

Baylor University Faculty Senate Minutes

January 13, 2015 • 3:30 p.m. • Cashion 110

Members Absent: Gaynor Yancey, Randall Umstead

Substitutes: Robin Wallace for Randall Umstead

Senator Chair Baker called the meeting to order.

The opening invocation was offered by Senator Burgess.

Changes – COIA and Chair Report *(will delete once I have clarification)*

Senator Jordan noted that

Senator Baker noted that the minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes by Senator Baldrige as amended and seconded by Senator Beal. Motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

Campus Safety and Security

Mark Childers, Associate Vice President for Campus Safety and Security

Associate Vice President Childers reported that he has hired a Technical Security Director who will begin February 9, 2015. Childers is recommending an increase to Baylor's police force by 10 officers in the next two years. He hopes to receive approval by June 1. Baylor has hired a Title IX Coordinator who is not under this department but who works with Campus Safety and Security.

Global Engagement

Dr. Jeff Hamilton, Vice Provost for Global Education

The proposal is for a Council on Global Engagement, which would be a new standing committee.

Faculty-in-Residence (FIR)

Faculty-in-Residence Representatives Dr. Stephen Pounders, Dr. Ian Gravangne, and Dr. Jeff Doyle, Dean for Student Learning and Engagement.

Dr. Pounders shared that he is in his last year of seven years of service as a Faculty-in-Residence. The FIR meet together, however, the group requests that it be added to the official academic committees of the University, with regular reporting to the Faculty Senate. There are currently 13 faculty in residence. The plan is to have faculty in-house residents at all residence halls within the next five years.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Ombudsperson Recommendation

Senator Baldrige moved and Senator Patton seconded the motion to make a recommendation to the Provost that Senator Yancey's position as Interim Ombudsperson be changed to a permanent position. The motion passed.

Proposed New Committees

Global Education:

Discussion: Faculty input on an academic program versus a University mission. Pros: increases transparency. Added a procedure Representation from each academic unit meaning colleges. Rotating faculty would be for a period of 3 years, which is standard for Committee on Committees.

Senator Spies, as part of [REDACTED], suggested that it be a formal group.

The Faculty Senate will vote in February.

Baylor Council of Faculty-in-Residence:

The Senate reviewed the proposal to add the Baylor Council of Faculty-in-Residence to the official academic committees of the University, regularly reporting to the Faculty Senate.

Senator Baldrige moved to adopt the proposal with the amendment that a Faculty Senate representative would serve on the Faculty-in-Residence Council. Senator Beal seconded. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Chair Report

Senator Baker offered clarification on the policy regarding Student Guests at Faculty Dining. There is no BUPP policy that states the number of students who can be guests of the faculty at the McMullen Faculty Dining Center. At this point, the Interim Provost does not want to issue a policy but would rather make suggestions.

Grade Change Policies. Please read over and email suggestions to Senator Baker.

Enrollment Management/Staff Council. Senator Beal reported that Senior VP and CFO Ramsower presented the five-year plan of the University.

Student Life. Senator Wood, no report.

Course Repeat Task Force. Senator Wood, no report.

Athletic Council. Senator Neubert, no report.

COIA. Senator Jordan reported that the NCAA will pay \$3,000 for the players' families to be able to attend the NCAA Championship football game.

Admissions. Senator Burluson reported that the Admissions Committee had has a few appeals which have been reviewed via email.

Academic Freedom. Senator Tsang



OTHER MATTERS ARISING

Senators have expressed concern about Baylor's relationship with the CVS prescription plan. It was suggested that Senator Baker convene a meeting with the Provost, Senior VP and CFO, and the Director of Compensation and Benefits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

Motion to adjourn was made by Senator Baldrige and seconded by Senator Beal. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra D. Burluson
Faculty Senate Secretary 2014-2015