**2015-16 Faculty Senate Minutes**

**April 15, 2016**

**Island Hall 323**

**Present:**  Anderson, Araiza, Bland, Bruun, Day, Denny, Dolan, Flournoy, Griffith, Harrel, Katz, Klaus, Kownslar, Kutil, Loveland, Mollick, Ozymy, Spaniol, Starek, Thompson, Valadez

**Ex Officio and Guests:**

**Absent:**

1. Speaker Griffith Call to order 2:05.

II Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Motion approved.

III Motion to approve Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Motion approved. Senator Katz will send out copies of the minutes.

IV Guest Presentations

V.Old Business -

Academic Affairs – M English. Guest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Explanation of three tracks for MA in English. Clarification about comprehensive exams for all students in the program.

Kutil from Academic Affairs moves to approval changes to MA English program seconded by Harrell. Discussion about exam. Motion passes unanimously.

Faculty Affairs – Ozymy: Distributed list of Senate accomplishments for 2015-2016.

1. New Business

Academic Affairs – BS of Science in Civil Engineering and Industrial Engineering. Documented reviewed by committee and recommended for approval. Motion to approve by Kutil Academic Affairs. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Speaker’s Report – Thank you to Senators for their work and representation of the Colleges. Thank you to Joshua Ozymy for stepping in head a committee due to attrition.
2. Committee Reports
3. Academic Affairs – Kutil: Accomplished a great deal this semester. Executive MBA is outstanding for next year.
4. Awards and Bylaws – Mollick: Regents Professor Award recommendations made. Largest participation of faculty. All voters were vetted by college senators and email voting list was Liberal Arts 32%; College of Business 82.5%; College of Education 48%; Science & Engineering 28%; College of Nursing and Health Sciences 63%, Liberal Arts 77%. Total participation 47.5% by faculty with previous years’ levels less than 30%.
5. Budget – Day:
6. Faculty Affairs – Ozymy: Faculty Report card submitted to faculty. 18 rules and procedures were passed through the Senate. Pending Combined Associated Dean and Chair Appointment and Faculty Dismissals is pending. Thank you to Dr. Shupala and the committee.
7. Committees on Committees – Katz: Survey for faculty preferences is in progress. The goal is to have assignments made in the next several weeks. Link to rules needs to be in survey and ideas about meeting times. Clair Wilson from the Provosts office is in charge of the assuring that all committees are filled.

VII Provost Report – Quintanilla:

1. Proposal for a Process for Catalogue approvals will be distributed to the Faculty Senate for review. Feedback is solicited for suggested changes to the draft. The final draft will be routed through approval bodies during the 2016-2017 review and approval. The new software to track the documents the progress of the changes within the process is going online this year. During the summer the Provost Office will be in charge of reviewing new submissions before the changes begin their way through the approval process. There will also be a focus on support to the colleges with templates and other tools to help design courses. Thank you to all Senators for their work this year.

VIII Good of the Order:

1. Thompson – April 29 Art Museum of South Texas 6pm. Documentary screening. Story of a Family television show documentary update.
2. Thank you to Luis Katz for serving to forward all communications to Senators.
3. Gifts for Speaker Bryant.call the

Next Meeting April 15

Motion to Adjourn Loveland and seconded by Dolan Meeting adjourned at \_4:55.\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second meeting.

Mollick and Harrel lead senators in nominations for Speaker.

Tim Klaus nominated Karen Loveland for Speaker

Catherine Harrell nominated Joshua Ozymi for Speaker

The nominees were allowed to make a 3 minute statements where they discussed their accomplishments and proposed senate agenda for 2016-2017.

Joshua Ozymy was elected by the majority of the votes as Senate aspeaker.

Frank Spaniol nominated for Frank Spaniole

Brandy Kutil

Karen Loveland

Mollick declined the nomination.

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Frank Spaniol is elected Deputy Speaker.

Edwards Kownslar is nominated for Secretary

Karen Loveland is nominated for Secretary

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Speaker Ozymy introduced Provost Quintanilla who welcomed the new Senate. She encouraged the Senate to continue to work together towards common goals and positive discussions.

Committee Selection:

Speaker appoints a Parliamentarian. Senator Valadez is appointed.

Speaker explains committee responsibilities and directs senators to choose committee assignments. Each Committee Chair from last year was asked to describe the work of the committee and the expected time commitment.

Executive Committee representative Chairs from each committee, officers, and each college is represented.

Ballrooms reserved August 19 for Faculty Senate Retreat