Faculty Senate Meeting

2-3:30 p.m.

April 13, 2018

Island Hall 323

Minutes

Attending: Blalock, Bland, Britt, Crocker, Harrel, Kownslar, Loveland, Martinez, McCullough, Mollick, Murgulet, K. Reinhardt, M. Reinhardt, Simionescu, Smith, Spaniol, Valadez, Watson, Withers

Ex-Officio and Guests: Amy Aldridge Sanford, Kevin Houlihan, Cathy Miller, Clarenda Phillips, Olivia Santos, Ben Soto.

1. Call to Order: Spaniol called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. There was a delay due to a group photograph.

2. Approval of Agenda: Smith made a motion to approve. Loveland seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 2018 Senate Meeting: Valadez made a motion to approve. Withers seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Guest Speaker: Olivia Santos, the bookstore manager, introduced herself and asked for questions from the faculty senators. The issues included: (1) Keeping the same editions of a textbook for a class; (2) Ensuring that there were enough copies of textbooks and course packs for the students; and (3) creating course packs and textbooks with OER materials. Olivia asked the faculty members to contact her directly with these questions, and she would work with them.

5. Speaker’s Report: (1) Spaniol reviewed the budget report and added that the senate needed to hold on to some money for the new faculty orientation because the orientation would be scheduled before the new budget cycle. (2) The senate’s annual report was distributed, and each of the committee chairs gave an overview of their activities and accomplishments. The chairs also thanked their committee members for their hard work. (3) The Budget Task Force met with Dr. Quintanilla, and she will make an announcement soon about the final decisions from university administration.

6. Old Business: None.

7. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs (Valadez): The University Curriculum Committee will meet next week.

b. Faculty Affairs (Harrel): Kevin Houlihan sent two “Notice and Comments” documents: (1) Guest speakers and lecturers; and (2) revisions in university rules and procedures. The second document will be reviewed by the FA Committee next year.

c. Committee on Committees (Smith): The committee plans to finish the university committee assignments and notify everyone by the end of April.

d. Awards, Bylaws and Elections (Mollick): (1) The deadline for the Regents Professor application packets will be June 11. (2) Some of the recipients of the university excellence awards said that they were not notified that they had won.

e. Budget Analysis (Bland reported for Klaus): (1) The committee met with Terry Tatum and asked questions about the university budget. (2) Bland explained the university budget process.

8. Liaison Reports

a. ODELT (Loveland): (1) Lauren Cifuentes will retire from TAMU-CC next month. (2) ODELT will sponsor workshops and will offer stipends for faculty to attend. (3) ODELT will co-sponsor a panel on Open Educational Resources with the Center for Faculty Excellence.

b. CPIRA (Murgulet and Withers): (1) CPIRA recently sponsored an open forum about the group’s purpose and activities. (2) The group will meet with Terry Tatum about facilities. (3) The compliance task force has been formed. The task force’s goal will involve getting everything ready for the fall semester.

c. Staff Council (Spaniol): The council is planning the Administrative Assistants Luncheon in late April.

d. University Technology Council: Smith asked the senators to send him any questions on technology issues, and he will send them on to the council.

9. Provost’s Comments: (1) Phillips thanked the senate for their assistance during the transition year in the Provost’s Office, and she appreciated the welcome from everyone when she moved to TAMU-CC. (2) One of the university’s goals is to clear the pathways to allow students to get their degrees as quickly as possible. (3) The SACS season has started.

10. For the Good of the Order: (1) Spaniol thanked everyone who was able to attend the senate social the night before and that the senate would have more socials in the future. (2) Ben Soto reported that campus IT is working on the photo rosters in Banner. Also, Banner 9 will be available in the fall semester. (3) Spaniol thanked the departing senators for their service during this academic year. (4) Spaniol and Roneka Polidore passed out gifts to all senators.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Submitted by Edward Kownslar, Faculty Senate Secretary