Attending: Acker, Boham, Britt, Comparini, Frost, Deis, Harrel, Hernandez, Klaus, Lois, McNamara, Moreno, Murgulet, Pletcher, Silliman, Smith, Spaniol, Theodossiou, Valadez, Waheeduzzaman, Warga, Withers.

Ex-Officio and Guests: Amy Aldridge Sanford, Ed Evans, Kevin Houlihan, Franklin Harrison, Clarenda Phillips, Andy Piker,

1. Call to Order: Frank Spaniol called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and welcomed the new Senators. Introductions followed.
2. Review of Robert’s Rules and Parliamentary Procedures: Corinne Valadez
3. Election of Faculty Senate Deputy Speaker and Secretary: Bethanie Pletcher served as Election Commissioner and made a call for nominations from the floor.
   1. Deputy Speaker: Miguel Moreno was nominated. He was elected to this position after the ballot count.
   2. Secretary: Katelijne Acker was nominated. She was elected to this position after the ballot count.

1. Approval of Agenda: Order of agenda was changed slightly, and guest speaker Dr. Spencer was given the floor first. Agenda was approved as amended.
2. Guest Speaker: Dr. Merilyn Spencer, Professor Emeritus, College of Business presented the Faculty Salary Survey and asked for the Senate’s support in this ongoing research.
3. Approval of Minutes:
   1. first April 2018 Senate Meeting: Kim Withers made a motion to approve. Lisa Comparini seconded. Approved unanimously.
   2. second April 2018 Senate Meeting: Lisa Comparini made a motion to approve. David Smith seconded. Approved unanimously.

1. Speaker’s Report:
   1. Frank Spaniol reviewed the new Merit and Equity Policy. A letter, including an overview of this new policy will be sent from the speaker to all faculty as many may have missed previous communication about this policy. A FAQ document will be developed. Frank Spaniol went on the thank all the members of the Merit and Equity taskforce. A list of peer and aspirational institutions from CUPA will be used to determine salary benchmark data. List will be forwarded to all.
   2. The search for a new Athletics Director is ongoing. The University’s goal is to become a Mid-Major breakthrough University. A discussion about the name

“Corpus Christi State University” being cherished in the community ensued. Clarenda Phillips remarked that the Office of Community Outreach is aware and is working on bringing the community together.

1. Old Business: None.
2. Committee Reports
   1. Academic Affairs (Corrine Valadez):
      1. The committee had Curriculog training on September 5th and 405 items are listed to be reviewed.
      2. Corinne Valadez reminded everyone that all faculty have access to Curriculog and that, as a senator, it is important to be aware of the course development and catalogue revision procedures
   2. Faculty Affairs (Cathy Harrel):
      1. Four (4) procedures were reviewed: (a) Review and approval of university rules and procedures, (b) Incapacitation or death of a student, (c) Athletic scholarships, and (d) Academic scholarships.
      2. Kevin Houlihan explained the work of the Faculty Affairs committee briefly. It was noted that there is no backlog of material to be reviewed.
   3. Committee on Committees (David Smith):
      1. Kim Withers volunteered to be Faculty Senate representative on the parking committee.
      2. Some work needs to be done yet on committee assignments for faculty.
   4. Awards, Bylaws and Elections (Miguel Moreno):
      1. Special elections were held, and each electoral unit is appropriately represented.
      2. The “Outstanding First Year Advocate” award applications are due September 28th.
      3. Piper Professor award applications are due in October.
      4. ABE committee will work on reviewing bylaws and updating voting procedures.
      5. Committee will review the manner in which # of representatives of electoral units is determined. College of Undergraduate Studies has two representatives now but would like the option to increase that number as the college grows. College Station has proportional representation. ABE committee will look into options.
   5. Budget Analysis (Tim Klaus):

The committee will address several points. They are (a) faculty input in university budgeting process, (b) transparency in allocation of resources, (c) graduate student support, and (d) competitive salaries for professional faculty.

1. Liaison Reports
   1. Staff Council: Franklin Harrison stated that the university is not on the list for state charitable contributions this year
2. Provost’s Comments (Clarenda Phillips):
   1. She is still as excited as on day one and is listening and learning, keeping communication open.
   2. Mantra: Student success = Institutional success.
   3. Policies and procedures will continue to be clarified.
   4. Promotion and Post Tenure review candidates will receive an informational letter.
   5. Enrollment for Fall 2018 on the 12th day was 11,938 students of which about 1,900 are FT first year students.
   6. Fall to Fall retention was 57.5%; third lowest in 12 years.
   7. David Smith asked about needed repairs in Bay Hall and discussion ensued.
   8. Tim Klaus asked about the now cancelled Flour Bluff UPHS program. Discussion followed. Clarenda Phillips explained a new, similar program initiated at the university and open to any high school student: Islander Academy.
3. For the Good of the Order:

Frank Spaniol reviewed Faculty Senate attendance requirements. He reminded all that it is senator’s job to listen to people and check, confirm, or clear up misinformation

1. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.