Attending: Acker, Bernhardt, Bippert, Boham, Britt, Changchit, Comparinin, Davis, Deis, Dinkens, Frost, Hernandez, Lee, McNamara, Moreno, Murgulet, Pletcher, Silliman, Starek (via WebEx), Waheeduzzaman, Warga, Zhao.

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

1. Call to Order: Miguel Moreno called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Ed Warga moved to approve the agenda and Don Deis seconded. Agenda was approved.
3. Approval of August 2019 Minutes: Chuleepron Changchit brought forth a few corrections and moved to approve the amended minutes. Don Deis seconded. There was 1 abstention. Minutes were approved.
4. Guest Speakers: There were no guest speakers
5. Speaker’s Report:
   1. Faculty Ombuds’ annual report has been sent out.
   2. Search Committee for a Dean for the college of Nursing and Health Sciences has been formed. Faculty Senate Speaker was invited to participate.
   3. Provost formed a Fixed Term Faculty task force to discuss and address issues including promotion paths, expectations, and responsibilities.
   4. A taskforce was formed to reevaluate expected quality and quantity of teaching scholarship and creative activity and service. Don Deis and Mike Starek are representing the Faculty Senate. Taskforce recommendations are due to provost by end of February 2019. Discussion ensued.
   5. Master Plan Discussion with the contract company is planned for 10/14/2019. The Executive Committee was invited to participate.
   6. System Employee Benefits Advisory Committee meets in October. Bring forth any thoughts, concerns, likes and dislikes to relate to the TAMUCC representative, Carmen Oseir.
   7. Appointment letters were delayed but this does not affect employment status or benefits.
   8. Faculty Handbook needs updated. Process for delegation will be determined if decision is made to update vs eliminate. Discussion ensued.
   9. Expressive Activities rule. State Legislature changes require new rule on expressive activity. Feedback to the Expressive Activities Committee chair, Lisa Perez, was due on 9/6/2019. Speaker sent comments after consulting with Sociologist Faculty.
   10. Student Government Association (SGA) representation on Faculty Senate. The FS executive committee decided to invite SGA representative when agenda topics are pertinent to students.
6. Old Business: none
7. Committee Reports
   1. Academic Affairs (Sean Britt):
      1. Introduced a slate of items to be reviewed in University Curriculum Committee on 9/19/2019.
      2. Expedited review items will be electronically voted on by Academic Affairs Committee.
   2. Faculty Affairs (Lisa Comparini):
      1. The committee moved to approve the following procedures that were introduced in August. The motion passed unanimously.
         1. Academic rank Descriptors for Tenured and Tenure Track Faculty
         2. Academic Freedom
         3. Responsibility of faculty members
         4. Descriptions of teaching, scholarship and creative activity, and service
         5. Faculty dismissals, administrative leave, non—reappointment, and terminal appointments
         6. Granting extension of tenure probationary period
         7. Responsibilities of part-time faculty members
      2. The committee introduced 8 new policies for review and comment.
         1. University name and indicia usage
         2. Branded items
         3. Commercial filming, videotaping, and photography
         4. Conduct’s requirements for applications and transcripts
         5. Faculty workload
         6. Assignment of faculty workload credit
         7. Post-tenure review
         8. Academic scholarships
   3. Committee on Committees (Emily Metcalf): No report
   4. Awards, Bylaws and Elections (Bethany Pletcher):
      1. Special election was held in CONHS. New Senator is Shelley Dinkens
      2. There were no nominations for the First Year Outstanding Advocate award. It is suggested that candidates be identified in spring.
      3. Piper award application are due 10/5/2019
   5. Budget Analysis (Dorina Murgulet): ABE met with VP of Finance and Administration, Jaclyn Mahlmann, and will meet monthly.
      1. Newsletter form VP office will be shared with FS
      2. Transparency and FS representation on Budget committee were stressed.
      3. Graduate student tuition assistance will be discussed.
      4. VP is open to address the FS.

Discussion ensued

1. Liaison Reports:
   1. Staff Council (Frank Harrison): American Heart Walk is on 10/5/2019 at Whataburger Filed.
   2. CPIRA (Mike Starek): a “Research Week” is to be organized for late October 2019.
   3. ITDEC (Mikaela Boham)
      1. Digital dialogue series Faculty will receive $50 stipend for each session attended
      2. Please let IT know what resources are needed or what help with resources is needed.
      3. Black Board will be evaluated
2. Provost’s Comments (Amy Aldridge for Clarinda Phillips):
   1. Awards and their guidelines are being reviewed. Contingent faculty awards to be developed.
   2. University curriculum committee has instituted expedited processes and new graphics off processes. Their meetings are open to all.
   3. SGA swears in their new officers on 9/23/2019. Please attend.
   4. Hispanic heritage month runs from 9/15 to 10/15 and there are many activities.
   5. Institute for Public Leadership and Real Woman run is on the 9/25/2019
   6. New Faculty in Residence program.
      1. Two faculty to live in the residence halls
      2. Have to teach undergraduate courses
      3. Will be responsible for some programming
   7. There is some money from a grand to be spent. Suggestions and ideas welcomed.
3. For the Good of the Order:
   1. Ed Evans:
      1. New newsletter
      2. New Digital Information Center
      3. Second Annual Digital Strategies Symposium on 10/4/2019
      4. ITDEC will review LMS systems, and proctoring services
      5. University wide software survey will be conducted
      6. Distance Education Strategic Plan will be developed.
   2. Carmen Hernandez:
      1. 30-minute yoga sessions for Faculty will be available to reduce stress.
      2. A National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter will be formed with TAMUCC students.
   3. Miguel Moreno:
      1. distributed fliers with their programs, from the Center for Faculty Excellence
      2. FS is in good financial position and Shirts will be ordered. Discussion ensued.
      3. “The First Amendment on Campus” Bird, Mackin, & Schuster (Eds.) was recommended.
      4. Policy on spousal hire is in development. Discussion Ensued.
4. Adjourn: Abu Waheeduzzaman moved to adjourn Mikaela Boham seconded. Meeting adjourned at 15:35