



Additionally he reported that the University is officially using Degree Works and that training will be provided for graduate faculty, coordinators, etc. It is very important that graduate student degree plans are entered in Degree Works, because it is our official record. Additionally Degree Works also saves time on degree check-out after graduation. He said by using the system what used to take 4 days and multiple staff, now takes 2 days and just one staff member.

Q: Senator Garcia asked who is in charge of Degree Works.

A: The registrar's office

Q: Senator Garcia asked about how coordinators are supposed to access Degree Works, because right now they do not have access.

A: They are fixing some access issues now. In addition, some questions were raised concerning the number of hours a student takes versus what is required in the degree plan. This will be addressed in the training but in general only put in the required courses in the degree plan

#### IV. Report of Officers

##### a. Senate President Anoruo

##### i. New Faculty Orientation

President Anoruo was unable to attend this event, so Senator Radcliff attended in his place. She gave a quick explanation of what Faculty Senate is and how it is comprised. She also gave them the Senate website information and told them about the Faculty Handbook.

##### ii. Senate Bill 18 – Protected expression on campus

- iv. Inviting Dr. Croft to speak at a Senate meeting  
This issue was brought to the President and the Provost, but Dr. Hussey asked to table this discussion until the Senate Executive Council luncheon later in October.
- v. Agreement on minute approvals for speakers  
At times when the President or Provost speak to the Senate, the Senate Secretary will now send the appropriate party their section of the minutes for review before distributing them to the general Senate. This will help ensure that all official information was interpreted correctly, and that the official record of Senate meetings is correct.
- vi. Javelina Leadership Academy  
The first cohort has now started. President Hussey had a meeting with the coordinators of this program and asked questions about the selection process, and cost per attendee. It was discussed that the JLA will complete one project over the course of the academy, and this year's project will be to research how to continue to increase Carnegie standing.
- vii. System Regulations  
SR 61.01.02 – Public Information has had sections revised. The specific revised sections are 2.2 and 3.1.
- viii. Texas Council of Faculty Senate  
President Anoruo will attend this meeting October 18-19. He had asked if the Senate President-Elect could also attend, and was told that there is no budget available to send an additional person.

President Anoruo has asked for input for the report that each Senate President is asked to submit for the meeting. He asks that any input please be sent to him by October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The report includes the following information:

1. A general description of your university
  - a. Profile & enrollment
  - b. New programs & degrees
  - c. Major construction & renovation
2. A description of your faculty assembly/council/senate
  - a. Its composition
  - b. Highlights of recent and current business
3. A description of 1 to 2 major issues on your campus

## V. Old Business

- a. Action Plan for 2019 -2020 (see handout Action Plan 2019-2020)  
President Anoruo provided a handout listing 11 issues that have been brought to him for this year's action plan. He put out another call for input and asked that all information be sent to Senator Radcliff no later than 5pm October 28<sup>th</sup>. All issues will be reviewed and brought to the November Senate meeting for final decision on what to pursue this year.

## VI. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Committees – no report
- b. Election Committee – Senator Radcliff reported that since one of the representatives for College at large Education has now taken on administrative duties, that seat is vacant, but will not be filled so as to be correctly aligned with the apportionment numbers that were done last Spring.
- c. Resolution and By -laws/Handbook Committee – The committee is still looking for a Chair. Senator Garcia recommended Senator Bohm and said she would help him. Senator Bohm has agreed and will be the Chair.

## VII. Reports from Committees Reporting to the Senate

- a. Administrator Evaluation Committee - no report
- b. Annual Faculty Lecture Committee – no report
- c. Piper Award Committee – no report
- d. Faculty Evaluation Committee – no report
- e. University Appeals Committee – no report
- f. Faculty Benefits Committee – No report
- g. Policy Revision Committee – no report

## VIII. New Business

- a. Ad hoc committee to explore the Gateway report.  
Senator Sherris has agreed to chair this committee and volunteers were solicited to round out the committee. Senators Schumann, Yelisetti, Bohm and Lukefahr agreed to serve on the committee. The committee will set up

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