Chairs Report – Board of Regents Meeting – April 16, 2017
J.D. Salas, DMA – Chair, SFA Faculty Senate

1. Faculty Accomplishments
   • Ralph W. Steen Library (Director, Dr. Shirley Dickerson)
     o Edward Iglesias – Web Services Librarian
       ▪ Launched the Emerging Technologies Area, currently focused on Virtual Reality and 3D printing
   • College of Fine Arts (Dean Buddy Himes)
     o Piero Fenci – School of Art
       ▪ Will be representing the College of Fine Arts at one of the first artistic exchange endeavors with institutions in Cuba this summer

2. Resolutions
   ▪ Statement of Support for SFA International Academic Community
     o February meeting report from Heather Catton, Director of International Programs on the travel restrictions which are still going through the court system
   ▪ Resolutions on Course Evaluation Response Rates & Grade Distribution in Evaluation process
     o Senate position as a starting point to improving the course evaluation instrument – (removing the volunteer aspect of completing the evaluation by students) –
     o Digital Measures Task Force Example

3. Policy Review Process
   • Additional Policy Review Completed– 6.3 Academic Appeals by Students
   • Currently working on submitting the following policies for review
     o New Policy - The Role of The Faculty Senate
     o Recommendation for Review of Policy 12.9 – Family and Medical Leave – to include language for Modified Work Assignments when possible – will be submitted for 2017-18 policy committee session

4. Current Sub-Committee Work
   • Each sub-committee is currently working on focusing projects and goals towards the four pillars of the Strategic Plan. Notably:
     o Finance & Administration – Professional Development Fund Process
o Professional Welfare – Providing an Honorarium for the Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award
o Elections – Voted to Amend the Faculty Senate Constitution to Extend the Adjunct Representative Terms from one to three years (like all other terms). Also voted to clarify the language on run-off elections.

5. 2017-18 Faculty Senate Session
- Last Board of Regents Report
- Dr. Le’Ann Solmonson, Professor of Human Services, Director of Counseling Education, Student Affairs, and Rehabilitation Services Programs
  o Brings experience as in Public School Education, Faculty, and Administration to the Chairs position.
- Thank you for continuing this ongoing dialogue between the Senate and Board of Regents.