

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)
 - 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)
 - 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
 - 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
 - Senate position as a starting point to improving the course evaluation instrument – (removing the volunteer aspect of completing the evaluation by students) –
 - 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
 - New Policy - The Role of The Faculty Senate
 - 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:
 - Finance & Administration – Professional Development Fund Process

- Professional Welfare – Providing an Honorarium for the Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award
- 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
 - 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.