

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #423
May 7, 2014

I. Call to order

Chair Jannah Nerren called to order the regular meeting of the Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate at 3:00 p.m. on May 7, 2014 at the Baker Pattillo Student Center, Tiered Classroom, 2.201.

II. Attendees

Secretary Tammy Harris conducted attendance. The following persons were present: Norjuan Austin, Joey Bray, Leisha Bridwell, Leslie Cecil, Erica Chapman, Neal Cox, Karen Embry Jenlink, George Franks, Tammy Harris, Stacey Hendricks, Janice Hensarling, I-Kuai Hung, Robin Johnson, Matthew Kwiatkowski, Matthew Lindsey, David McKemy, Bradley Meyer, Jannah Nerren, Mary Olle, Cindy Pressley, Violet Rogers, J.D. Salas, Louise Stoehr, Steve Taaffe, Jay Thornton, Gail Weatherly, Johanna Warwick, Kimberly Welsh, and LaToya Wesley. Absent: Lora Jacobi, Carlos Cuadra and Dorothy Gottshall.

III. Presentations

A. Dr. Ric Berry: No presentation

B. Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson: No presentation

C. Presentation of New Senators:

James I Perkins College of Education: Dr. Robin Johnson

College of Sciences and Mathematics: Dr. Janice Hensarling, unfilled seat

College of Liberal and Applied Arts: Dr. Carlos Cuadra, Dr. Steve Taaffe, Dr. LaToya Wesley

Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture: Dr. I-Kuai Hung

College of Fine Arts: Dr. Bradley Meyer, Dr. Johanna Warwick

Library: Erica Chapman

Adjunct Senators: David McKemy and Dorothy Gottshall

IV. Officer Reports:

Chair Nerren: No report

Chair-Elect Franks: No report

Secretary Harris: No report

Treasurer Lindsey: Balance forward of \$4,532.02

V. Approval of Minutes

1st meeting, no approval needed.

VI. Committee Reports

Chair Nerren announced that assignments would quickly be made so that seamless transition could take place prior to the next academic year. New Senators were instructed to review list of committees in their notebook and quickly email requests to chair. All returning Senators will remain on current committees for purpose of continuity. Open seats are available on external (university) committees (1 seat on Distance Education & 3 seats on Policy). Senators were encouraged to consider membership on these committees for adequate representation.

VII. Old Business

A. Peer Comparison Project: Outgoing Senator Henderson has agreed to continue work with this project. Senator Embry Jenlink suggested that no action be taken until the committee gets a chance to review data. They will present suggestions in the fall on how to proceed with information collected. Senator Rogers suggested that the practice of results being shared with the Provost prior to being made available be continued.

B. Senate Office Space Update: Chair Nerren met with Space, Scheduling & Utilization Coordinator – John Calahan and was informed that there were no room options available other than McKibben 252. Senator Rogers reported that it was announced in a meeting that the Faculty Senate would be using a room in the McGee bldg. Chair Nerren will check on this prior to beginning of fall semester.

VIII. New Business

A. Senate Survey: Watch for email survey around the end of May from Chair Nerren regarding upcoming direction for Faculty Senate. What do we want to focus on? Senator Lindsey suggested continued use of key speakers.

B. Senate Constitution and Standing Rules Review: Chair Nerren suggested a review of the senate constitution and standing rules might be needed for updates and clarification. Chair-Elect Franks suggested that a formal committee be constructed to work on this for the coming year. Members of the committee should include a present and former member of the election committee. Senator Austin also asked about the extension of officer's terms to 2 years. Chair-Elect Franks agreed that this might be helpful for traction and stability of work. These are topics for the formal committee to consider.

C. Senate Budget: Chair Nerren reported that there is no formal budget for the Faculty Senate and that the formation of one might be helpful in future planning. This will be addressed in the coming year.

- D. Sustainability:** There has been a request of the Faculty Senate to get involved in the topic of sustainability on campus. Senator Stahl asked what the Senate's role would be. She also suggested looking at off campus resources on the topic of sustainability. Senator Embry Jenlink suggested a key speaker on the topic.
- E. Senator Bio and Photo Update:** Returning and new senators, please check the Faculty Senate web page and email Chair Nerren with any changes or additions. Also if you need a picture or want to replace an old one, you need to contact Hardy Meredith in University Marketing and Communications.
- F. Senator Shirts:** Chair-Nerren requested shirt sizes for new Senator shirts. Senator Stahl requested investigation for different style of shirt for the coming year.

IX. Adjournment

Senator Austin moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:40 p.m. Senator Embry Jenlink seconded.

