

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Faculty Senate Agenda—Meeting #450**  
**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**  
**Math 101**  
**2:30pm**

**I. Call to order**

The regular meeting of the Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate was held on February 14, 2018, at 2:35 p.m., at the Math Building, Room 101. It was presided over by Chair Le'Ann Solmonson.

**Attendance:** Dr. Bullard, Provost; Janet Tareilo, Associate Provost; Dana Cooper; M.E. McWilliams

**Voting Senators in attendance:** K. Ainsworth, T. Barrios, W. Berg, C. Conn, C. Cross, P. Dutra, D. Gravatt, P. Griffin, A. Jones, K. Jones, S. Kosovich, J.M. Mehaffey, H. Midgley, M. Montgomery, J. Morris, **Proxy (need name)** for K. Onchoke, J. Reese, Brian Uriegas, **Proxy (need name)** for K. Roberts, C. Ryan, H. Samuelson, P. Sandul, L. Solmonson, S. Sosebee, L. Stoehr, J. Stovall, K. Baily Wallace, J. Weaver, **Proxy (need name)** for T. Whitehead

**Senators not in attendance:** K. Sheriff, K. Onchoke, T. Whitehead, K. Roberts

**II. Presentations**

Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA

- 60x30 Texas Plan Recap
  - o measurements are enrollment, completers, marketable skills, debt accrued
  - o Marketable Skills Conference coming up in Houston April 9, 10
  - o A Message to Garcia (1899) – suggested essay to read
  - o State is setting regional targets
  - o Facilities Planning and Consulting have prepared a draft of the space usage analysis including recommendations – should be available very soon

M.E. McWilliams – AARC

- Expanding individual opportunities within the offerings

Brittany Fish & Dana Cooper – Peer Mentors

- Peer Mentor Program – Refer mentor students and/or students needing mentor
- Gen Jacks – adding SFA 101 section for Liberal Arts
- SFA 101 – renovating the program to better serve current students

### III. Approval of minutes from Meeting #449

J. Weaver motion to accept, L. Stoehr seconded, all in favor, motion passes

### IV. Officer Reports

#### A. Chair – Dr. Le’Ann Solmonson

- a. Appointment made for some ad hoc committees
- b. Board of Regents Meeting
  - i. Approvals for, coliseum architectural renovations study, Business Building renovations, sports ticketing program, mobile food lab, digital catalog and curriculum system (NO MORE COURSE CATALOGS), budget and finance forecast system, creation of consolidation of fees to better distribute use (Total: \$49 per credit hour increased to \$73), deferred decision to raise tuition until April, increases in room and board rates, approved changing Oracle data storage to a cloud backup system (will save 770K over 4 years), update on marketing campaign
  - ii. Gave report on forums (recruiting and financial), question about summer school pay restoration was reiterated but no response given
  - iii. Informed Board of Academic Excellence Initiative
- c. Reminder of bylaws expectations of attendance at meetings; may need to fill positions temporarily at next meeting to complete terms

#### B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Jason Reese –

- a. Met with returning senators (18 of 19) –
  - i. Questions regarding goals and intentions for next year
  - ii. Attended Board of Regents Meeting

#### C. Secretary – Carolyn Conn

- a. Please sign in and indicate if you are a proxy

#### D. Treasurer - Dr. Dennis Gravatt

- a. Balance as of February 14, 2018
  - i. O & M Pool - \$4,628.67
  - ii. Travel Pool - \$135.84
- b. Dr. Solmonson suggests possibility of end of year social or assisting with attendance to Marketing Skills Conference

### V. Committee Reports

#### A. External (University) Committees

- a. Academic Affairs
  - i. Common Course numbering – (4) letter and (4) number
  - ii. Texas Affordable Baccalaureate Degree – proposals for new degrees aimed at “first generation, underprepared, low SES, working adult students”
- b. Core Curriculum Assessment – no report
- c. University Assessment Steering Council – not met
- d. Distance Education – not met

- e. Graduate Council
  - i. Masters of Education in Teaching and Learning, Masters of Science in Environmental Science approved
  - ii. (4) on grad committee, suggestion to have these numbers changed to 3 members including one outside member
  - iii. Friday, February 16: Nominations for graduate student awards available
- f. Policy – no new information
- g. Ad Hoc Committees
  - i. Enrollment Action Committee: met with company to post position on February 6 but it has not yet been posted
  - ii. Scheduling of course offerings – not yet met
- B. Internal (FS) Committees
  - a. Academic Affairs –
    - i. Recommendations for teaching evaluations (see document in email)
    - ii. Discuss regarding the recommendations
    - iii. Motion that faculty senate support recommendations with amendment that all faculty in each unit consider the changes and evaluate the units of measurement. Motion by J. Reese, seconded by S. Sosebee, most in favor, one abstention, motion passes.
  - b. Administration and Finance
    - i. Financial Forum – well attended, good questions provided
    - ii. Danny Gallant was asked several questions that required further investigation but no word has been heard, will follow up with him for a presentation at future meeting
  - c. Communications –live stream back on track, URL will be sent
  - d. Elections – Please get nominations to the elections committee
  - e. Ethics – not met
  - f. Faculty Government and Involvement – not met
  - g. Professional Welfare – not met, working on Faculty Senate Teaching award
  - h. Strategic Planning – not met

## VI. Old Business

### Academic Excellence Initiative

- i. Sent format in email
- ii. One senator in college take the lead
- iii. Need responses back by March meeting
- iv. Back to senate by April Meeting

## VII. New Business

### Commencement Speaker Guidelines

- i. Negative feedback regarding December graduation speaker
- ii. Statement prepared in conjunction with SGA
- iii. Please review, discuss with faculty and we will discuss further in March
- iv. Will also send honor code shared with us from University of Colorado Denver, can assign to a committee if we are interested

## VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn J. M. Mehaffey, second by L. Stoehr, all in favor, motion passes  
Meeting Adjourned at 5:09 PM

Live stream recording available at:

<https://sfasu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=a5c97ffd-21b2-407d-811c-8af5002fc6e1>

Video stops approximately 1 hour before end due to power supply issue.

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Le' Ann Solmonson, Chair

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Carolyn Conn, Secretary