

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Minutes—Meeting #451
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Math 101
2:30pm

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate was held on March 7, 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

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, H. Midgley, Proxy C. Whitley for M. Montgomery, J. Morris, K. Onchoke, J. Reese, Brian Uriegas, Proxy E. Bailey for C. Ryan, H. Samuelson, P. Sandul, K. Sheriff, L. Solmonson, Proxy S. Taffe for S. Sosebee, L. Stoehr, J. Stovall, K. Baily Wallace, J. Weaver, T. Whitehead

Senators not in attendance: J.M. Mehaffey, K. Roberts

II. Presentations

Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA

- 60x30 Update – Meeting in Austin regarding funding
 - Performance based funding – numbers growth = funding growth but is compared to other institutions
 - COULD get funding based on graduation percentage and COULD be doubled for graduating “at risk” students
 - “At risk” = Pell eligible, have GED, scored below national average on ACT/SAT, 21 years or older, take less than 12 hours semester
 - 71% of SFA students qualify as “at risk”
- Our regional target for “completers” by 2030 will be determined soon
- Friday, March 9 – BOR has special meeting regarding enrollment and budget – will be videoed and archived but not live streamed – mostly executive session
- Space study is in 5th draft – not yet discussed with President

III. Approval of minutes from Meeting #450

- C Conn asks that those with proxies last month email her with the name of the proxy to be added to the minutes
- Move to accept J. weaver, second by T. Whitehead, all in favor, minutes passed

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair – Dr. Le'Ann Solmonson

- a. Kerry Roberts has resigned his seat, College of Education needs to nominate a replacement for a vote
 - b. Texas Council of Faculty Senates
 - i. College going rate of high school seniors has gone down
 - ii. House Bill 5 has caused lower college readiness (choose area of concentration for HS diploma)
 - iii. Texas at low end of education attainment
 - iv. Recognize that universities are serving separate sets of students, accountability should reflect that
 - v. Our tuition is still reasonable in nationwide comparison
 - vi. University admission standards should reflect willingness to support services for less qualified students
 - vii. University salaries need to be as close to CUPA average as possible
 - viii. Resolution passed in support of DACA
 - c. Meeting with provost
 - i. Asked about Ombudsman Position – referred to Danny Gallant
 - 1. Will continue to push
 - 2. L. Brewer suggests that it would be a good addition to our “recruiting new faculty”
 - ii. Associate Provost retiring – search will be national
- B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Jason Reese
- a. Associate Provost Search – is posted
 - b. Hired 15 new lecturers across core – should be continued into Fall 2018
 - c. Marketable Skills Conference – April 9-10 in Houston
 - d. Career ladder for non-tenure track = 53% tenured and tenure track which is 6th highest in state
- C. Secretary – Carolyn Conn
- a. Please print proxy names on sign in so I can read them
 - b. Absences need to be reported to Chair and reason will be posted in minutes
 - c. J.M. Mehaffey is at livestock show, C. Ryan has lab, S. Sosebee at conference, M. Montgomery has family emergency
 - d. D. Gravatt asks to amend the constitution to reflect this be not necessary, will direct to Policy Committee
- D. Treasurer - Dr. Dennis Gravatt
- a. Account Balance as of March 7, 2018
 - i. O&M Pool FY 17-18 \$4509.75
 - ii. Travel Pool FY 17-18 \$9.69
 - iii. Expenditures \$126.15 for travel Texas Council of Faculty Senates, \$26.92 for snacks meeting #450, \$92.00 for donuts and coffee at Financial Forum
 - iv. Discussion regarding use of O&M Pool
 - 1. Social
 - 2. Polo shirts
 - 3. Recognitions
 - 4. Speakers
 - 5. Put together ad hoc committee to determine use: J Reese, K Ainsworth, C Conn, J Weaver, J Morris

V. Committee Reports

A. External (University) Committees

a. Academic Affairs

- 2nd in state for student/parent debt
- new catalog system
- recommendations on relocate, realign and repurpose space
- STEM building opening will open up other spaces
- Academic Commons (Library)
- SACS- new principles of assessment (manual)
- Core curriculum assessments into Junior and Senior level classes
- Reclassifications of faculty/staff lines, deadline has passed
- Partnerships with Community Colleges

b. Core Curriculum Assessment – no report

c. University Assessment Steering Council – not met, scheduled Friday at 1PM March 23, Contact Louise Stoehr

d. Distance Education – not met

e. Graduate Council

- Program and course modifications are approved, moving to Board of Regents for approval
- Student awards- winners will be announced March 22

f. Policy - continuing with weekly revisions, working on human subject policy

g. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Enrollment Management Search – March 24 meeting
2. Common Course Numbering – no report
3. Scheduling Taskforce – no report

B. Internal (FS) Committees

a. Academic Affairs – no report

b. Administration and Finance – not met, no response from Danny Gallant

c. Communications – no report

d. Elections – nominations March 19-30, will email each college to notify of seats available, Elections are April 9-20

e. Ethics – not met, willing to send support in Ombudsman meeting

f. Faculty Government and Involvement – not met

g. Professional Welfare –

- 7 nominations for teaching excellence awards, 6 submitted portfolios (5 from education, 1 from business) Awarded to Todd Barrios
- Sent information about recommendations
- Committee moves to send recommendations to Provost, all in favor, motion passes
- Professor of Practice for non-tenure lecturers was discussed and approved by senate
 - No vote required as the matter was passed through a committee

h. Strategic Planning – no report

VI. Old Business

Academic Excellence Initiative

- Chair Solomon has compiled feedback
- Broke into groups for 15 minutes to discuss and condense

Commencement Speaker Guidelines –

- Mixed feedback from faculty
 - Many opposed to the speech but not keen on passing statement against
 - Some feel that putting forward guidelines is reasonable
- L. Brewer motion to have Policy Committee open discussion about a group of people determining the speaker rather than a single person, seconded by L. Stoehr, most in favor, 2 abstentions, motion passes

Honor Code

- Send along to SGA

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn L. Brewer, second by P. Dutra, all in favor, motion passes

Meeting Adjourned at 5:01 PM

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