

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Minutes—Meeting #452
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Math 101
2:30pm

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate was held on April 11, 2018, at 2:32 p.m., at the Miller Science, Room 139. It was presided over by Chair Elect Jason Reese.

Attendance: Dr. Bullard, Provost; Dr. Lauren Burrow, Co-Chair University Committee for Affordability and Student Debt; Dr. Pauline Sampson, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Edward Glass, Library

Voting Senators in attendance: K. Ainsworth, T. Barrios, W. Berg, L. Brewer, C. Conn, C. Cross, P. Dutra, D. Gravatt, S. Josephsen proxy for P. Griffin, A. Jones, S. Kosovich, J. M. Mehaffey, H. Midgley, L. Burrow proxy for M. Montgomery, J. Morris, J. Reese, C. Ryan, H. Samuelson, A. Lannen proxy for P. Sandul, K. Sheriff, S. Sosebee, S. Roy Proxy for L. Stoehr, J. Stovall, K. Baily Wallace, J. Weaver, T. Whitehead

Senators not in attendance: P. Griffin (conference), K. Jones (meeting in Ft. Worth), M. Montgomery (conference), K. Onchoke (lab), K. Roberts, L. Solmonson (family emergency), L. Stoehr (guest lecturer), P. Sandul (personal and professional)

II. Presentations

Dr. Lauren Burrow, Co-Chair, University Committee for Affordability and Student Debt: Instructional Materials
Dr. Pauline Sampson, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies
Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA

III. Approval of minutes from Meeting #451

- Added language to clarify passing of the committee recommendation for Professor of Practice
- Clarified information on Provost's presentation about "at risk" GPA
- Move to accept H. Midgeley second by J. Weaver, all in favor, minutes passed

IV. Officer Reports

- A. Chair – Dr. Le'Ann Solmonson (absent due to family emergency)
- B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Jason Reese
 - a. Ah hoc committee for use of remaining funds
 - i. Pay for guest speaker for Faculty Senate event
 - ii. Financial awards for faculty recognition (will do next year with more time for planning and selection)
 - b. Senate Meetings F '18-S'19 will meet in new STEM building

- c. Retirees e-mail accounts being deleted – concern brought to Le’Ann
 - i. Contacted IT, only Professor Emeritus are kept
 - ii. Safety concern, willing to open discussion about this
 - d. Senate “Retreat” – lunch retreat on Friday, August 24
 - e. Identified Marketable Skills – “employability”
 - i. Look at Program Learning Outcomes and identify marketable skills
 - ii. Will not approve any new programs without identified marketable skills
 - f. Le’Ann’s last address to board in April, Jason’s first in in July
- C. Secretary – Carolyn Conn
 - a. Visitors, please sign visitors page
 - b. Senators and Proxies, please sign in (write clearly if you are a proxy so I can read your name and mark “proxy” column)
- D. Treasurer - Dr. Dennis Gravatt
 - a. O&M Pool FY 17-18 \$3,126.61
 - b. Travel Pool \$9.69
 - c. Expenditures
 - i. \$200.00 for axe handles
 - ii. \$35.48 for snacks meeting #451
 - iii. \$1,147.66 for stipend adjunct faculty award

V. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs (Solmonson) – no meeting
 - b. Core Curriculum Assessment (Sosebee) –
beginning process of approval in core of Horticulture 222 – Floral Design – no decisions yet
 - d. University Assessment Steering Council (Stoehr) – report by Herb Midgeley – discussion about transformative experiences
 - d. Distance Education (Griffin, Sheriff, Onchoke) – not met
 - e. Graduate Council (Reese)
met March 22 – approved curriculum modifications and changes
Graduate Student Awards were announced to committee
 - f. Policy (Sandul, Cross, Jones) – no report
 - g. Ad Hoc Committees
 - 1. Enrollment Management Search (Samuelson)
 - a. Had over 150 applicants, pared down to 9 for phone interviews, pared down to 4 for campus visits next week, Deadline of May 2 to fill
 - 2. Common Course Numbering (Montgomery)
 - a. No report
 - 3. Scheduling Taskforce (Whitehead, Dutra)
 - a. Not met
- B. Internal (FS) Committees
- a. Academic Affairs (Stoehr) – no report
 - b. Administration and Finance (Gravatt) –
Received responses from Dr. Gallant last night, will review and report next month
 - c. Communications (Conn) – no report
 - d. Elections (Ryan) –

- Business is in need of at least one more nomination
Elections will be completed by end of April
- e. Ethics (Kosovich) –
 - i. not met but trying to meet regarding Ombudsman position
 - f. Faculty Government and Involvement (Mehaffey) – not met
 - g. Professional Welfare (Griffin) – not met
 - h. Strategic Planning (Reese) – not met

VI. Old Business

Academic Excellence Initiative

- Took last month's notes and summarized for Chair's Forum
- March 29 discussed the initiative
- 0 endorsements, 11 non-endorsements, 11 abstentions
- Additional information
 - Broader inclusion
 - Did senate vote to approve the document?
- Dean's Forum – discussed but no opposition
- Senate prefers that Dr. Solmonson reports that this is still in motion
- J. Stovall motion to table until May meeting, seconded by S. Sosebee

Discussion:

We need items provided to help us discuss in May:

What is the specific purpose of this document?

What might be the ramifications to faculty?

Why was it opposed by the chair forum?

Can we make feedback more quantitative?

Should we evaluate levels beyond faculty?

Can we get original survey questions?

1 opposed, 1 abstention, motion passes

VII. New Business

- Discussion regarding lack of lactation rooms and changing stations on campus.
- J. Reese suggests we assign to Professional Welfare Committee to do some research on the matter
- A. Jones - Texas Health and Safety Code 165 – provide time and space for lactation

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn L. Brewer, second by H. Samuelson all in favor, motion passes

Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 PM

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<https://sfasu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=fd195d15-23db-48a2-9ead-712b4f4a77f6>