

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Minutes—Meeting #454
Wednesday, Sept 12, 2018
Miller Science 137
2:30pm

I. Call to order

Faculty Senate Chair Jason Reese called the Meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. He briefly outlined the conduct of the meeting, introduced new officers (Scott Sosebee, Secretary, John Michael Mehaffey, Parliamentarian, Jeremy Stovall, Chair-Elect), and

Attendance: Dr. Bullard, Provost; Dr. Marc Guidry, Associate Provost, Ryan Ivey, Athletic Director

Voting Senators in attendance: K. Ainsworth, C. Allen, T. Barrios, W. Berg, A. Campbell, Y. Castillo, D. Cegelka, C. Conn, P. Dutra, S Galatas, proxy for D. Gooch, A. Greule, P. Griffin, A. Jones, D. Joubert, A. Lannen, C. McKenna, J.M. Mehaffey, M. Montgomery, J. Morris, P Ogale, K. Onchoke, J. Reese, L. Rogers, C. Ryan, K. Sheriff, S. Sosebee, L. Stoehr, J. Stovall, B. Uriegas, J. Weaver

Senators not in attendance w/o proxy: none

II. Presentations

A. Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA

Dr. Bullard informed the Senate that the Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board would visit SFA on Oct. 10. The HECB's top priority, as well as the legislature, is the 60 x 30 Texas initiative. The Director will visit the Senate and we will have the opportunity to visit with him.

B. Dr. Marc Guidry, Associate Provost

Dr. Guidry spoke with the Senate his ideas about academics and programs at SFA, and he highlighted some of the initiatives presently in place at SFA, such as beginning a Doctorate in Social Work. He wants to challenge all departments to develop innovative programs and academic programs that are unique in the state.

C. Ron Ivey, Director of Athletics

Mr. Ivey shared with the Senate his vision of athletics at SFA, and most importantly that he and the department were committed to building athletic teams that excel on the field of play as well as in the classroom.

After presentations, the Senate took a break to allow committees to discuss their upcoming reports.

III) Parliamentarian Presentation: J.M. Mehaffey

MeHaffey outlined for the senate how meetings would run this year, and that the senate would follow Robert's Rule's Of Order. The primary reason for such action is to make sure the senate meets and ends on time, and that everyone gets a chance to speak and be recognized.

III. Approval of minutes from Meeting #453; Paula Griffin noted that she was listed as "attending," but she was not present. Steven Josephson was her proxy. Minutes were so amended to reflect Dr. Griffin's attendance.

- Move to accept, Senator Stoehr moved to accept minutes. Senator Dutra seconded. Senate voted to accept minutes by acclamation

IV. Officer Reports

A. Chair – Dr. Jason Reese

Reese reported on the upcoming Family Forum concerning the proposed "Children in the Workplace Policy." He detailed the month long communication that he had had with HR, the Provost, and Faculty. He has asked the Professional Welfare committee to coordinate a Family Forum at a later date [Forum was held October 3]. Reese next informed the senate of his report to the Board of Regents. He expressed the desire for us to work positively with the BOR and he articulated the senate's four goals for the year: Transparency, Shared Governance with Faculty, Strengthening the Academic Mission, and Being Attentional and Focused.

B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Jeremy Stovall

Stovall's report was mainly reserved as part of committee reports

C. Secretary – Dr. Scott Sosebee

Sosebee asked all senators to remember to sign in, and that proxies should also make sure their names are noted.

D. Treasurer - Dr. Paula Griffin: See Treasurer's Report Attachment

V. Committee Reports

A. External (University) Committees

1. Academic Affairs (Reese)
2. Calendar Committee (Allen)
3. Core Curriculum Assessment and Advisory (Sosebee)
4. University Assessment Steering Council (Stoehr)
5. Distance Education (Montgomery, Onchoke, Griffin, Sheriff)
6. Graduate Council (Stovall)
7. Policy (Jones, Barrios, Lannen)
8. Ad hoc Committees
 - a. Chief of Police Search (Reese)
 - b. Assistant Police Chief Search (Stovall)
 - c. Texas Common Course Numbering (TCCN) Committee (Reese)
 - d. SFA Universal Mobile App (Reese)

e. Others?

B. Internal (FS) Committees

1. Academic Affairs (Stoehr)
2. Administration and Finance (Griffin)
3. Communications (Conn)
4. Elections (Jones)
5. Ethics (Morris)
6. Faculty Government and Involvement (MeHaffey)
7. Professional Welfare (Dutra)
8. Strategic Planning (Stovall)

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Senator Morris, second by Senator Dutra all in favor, motion passes

Meeting Adjourned at 4:27 PM

Panopto recording for Meeting #454 available at:

<https://sfasu.zoom.us/recording/share/v9xHLZzrgNU71fOE5II8Ub7X3PfRkm6lysJvEZyEuz2wlumekTziMw>

Attachments: Treasurer's Report: Paula Griffin

Library's Statement on Space Study: Kyle Ainsworth