

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Faculty Senate Minutes—Meeting #455**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018**  
**STEM 401**

I. Call to Order

Faculty Senate Chair Jason Reese called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. He thanked the Senators for coming, gave a brief overview of what we would discuss, and stated that although we were expecting Provost Steve Bullard and HR Director Loretta Doty to arrive, in order to keep our schedule we would go ahead and begin.

**Attendance:** Associate Provost Mark Guidry, Raquel Skidmore, Jessica Boon, Professional Academic Advising Council, and Meredith Baily and Linda Langham, TCCNS Initiative

**Voting Senators in Attendance:** K. Ainsworth, C. Allen, A. Baily, (proxy for Donald Gooch) T. Barrios, W. Berg, A. Campbell, Y. Castillo. D. Cegelka, C. Conn, P. Dutra, A. Greule, P. Griffin, A. Jones, D. Joubert, A. Lannen, C. McKenna, J. 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. Raquel Skidmore and Jessica Boon presented on their initiative with the Professional Academic Advising Council (PAAC). Raquel explained the background of PAAC, how it began, and how it directly impacted students on campus. It is an initiative to train advisors, and make sure they are effective advisors for students. Jessica explained to senators how faculty could benefit through learning about PAAC's programs, its training. Ms. Boon emphasized how faculty bring a unique perspective to advising.

B. Linda Langham and Meredith Baily presented to senators about the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) initiative: Ms. Baily explained how the timeline on when all Texas schools must adopt common numbering, how SFA is working to meet all legislative protocols. She shared with senators how to access the TCCNS website for the university, and the information for the initiative. Linda Langham explained how SFA is working to implement a new schedule for summer schedules in courses that may require more course time than is allowed in the two summer semester format. This will allow departments that need such a structure to administer such classes.

- III. The Senate took a 5 minute break after presentations.
- IV. Approval of minutes from Meeting #454: Senator McKenna called attention to typographical error in the minutes under “Item III.” The minutes read “”Presnation” instead of “Presentation.” The minutes were corrected. Chair Reese asked for a motion to approve, Senator Stoehr moved to to approve, Senator Jones seconded, and the motion carried by acclimation.
- V. Officer Reports:
  - A. Chair Report (Reese) reported on his activities
  - B. Chair-Elect Report (Stovall) completed his report
  - C. Secretary Report (Sosebee) no report
  - D. Treasurer Report (Griffin) See attachment
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. External (University) Committees
    - 1. Academic Affairs (Reese)
    - 2. Calendar (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 Mobile App (Reese)
  - B. Internal (Senate) Committees
    - 1. Academic Affairs (Stoehr)
    - 2. Administration and Finance (Griffin)
    - 3. Communications (Conn)
    - 4. Elections (Jones)
    - 5. Ethics (Morris)
    - 6. Faculty and Government and Involvement (Mehaffey)
    - 7. Professional Welfare (Dutra) [\*see entry under “New Business”]
    - 8. Strategic Planning (Stovall)
- VII. New Business: Family Forum Follow-up
  - A. Children in the Workplace: Senator Dutra explained the tasks of the Committee on how to carry out the charge from the Chair Reese to organize a “Family Forum” to give faculty a change to engage administration concerning the proposed policy that would formally govern the presence of children of faculty, staff, and students on campus. The Forum was held on Wednesday Oct. 3 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Twilight Ballroom at the Baker Pattillo Student Center. Two hundred and twenty people attended the forum, and afterwards the committee provided a

means to participate in the discussion electronically. The committee received 729 comments in that format. The Committee proposed that the Senate form an ad hoc committee to address the results of the survey and how to proceed. Dutra presented a sampling of the comments (it was impossible to share all as it was 115 pages long). 72,29% opposed the policy as it is currently written. 168 participants on the survey were faculty, 219 were staff, and 342 students.

Chair Reese agreed to form an ad hoc committee. Senator Conn expressed concern about the timing such a committee would have to operate under. Chair Reese explained that the earliest the Board of Regents could consider such a policy would be at their January meeting. After discussion about the timing of a Board of Regents meeting, and how to move forward with this issue, the Senate decided on the following course of action: Chair Reese formed an Ad hoc committee to study and decide the senate's next course of action. The following senators volunteered for and were appointed to the committee: C.C. Conn, Scott Sosebee, Jamie Weaver, Andrew Lannen, James Morris, Brian Uriegas, Louise Stoehr, and Yuleinys Castillo

Senator McKenna also proposed the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:**

Given that (in the proposing senator's view) a compelling case was not made for the proposed "Children in the Workplace" policy during the recent Family Forum, and given that administrators already (exist at the college and departmental level) to administer this issue sensibly on a local unit level, and given that the policy presents a problematic optic to an institution seeking strategically to hire and retain high-quality faculty and staff, and given that the policy lacks any clarity as to how it would be enforced... the senator moves that the Faculty Senate, through its Chair (Dr. Jason Reese), formally request that members of the Compliance Coordinating Committee, along with Ms. Loretta Doty of Human Resources, attend the next Faculty Senate meeting in order to provide a justification and defense of the proposed policy to this body.

Senator Dutra seconded the motion and it passed by acclamation.

Senator Uriegas next moved for adjournment, and Senator Campbell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Reported by Secretary Scott Sosebee

\*The Professional and Welfare Committee report was included under "New Business" because it was directly related to that item.

Attachment: Treasurer's Report