

**Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Agenda – Meeting #465
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Forestry Building 117
2:30pm**

Voting Senators in Attendance: James Adams, Kyle Ainsworth, Kristin Bailey-Wallace, Todd Barrios, Wesley Berg, Sara Bishop, Derek Cegelka, David Cook, Scott Drury, Donald Gooch, Al Greule, Christina Guenther, Gina Harden, Angela Jones, Dustin Joubert, Larry King, Andrew Lannen, Chris McKenna, Franta Majs, Pushkar Ogale, Heather Olson-Beal, Kefa Onchoke, Brian Oswald, Laurie Rogers, Pamela Rogers, Kathy Sheriff, Jeremy Stovall, Scott Sosebee, Brian Uriegas, Jamie Weaver

Excused Senators:

Guests: Dr. Scott Gordon, President, Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA, Dr. Marc Guidry, Associate Provost, Ms. Alisha Collins, Budget Analyst for Academic Affairs, Ms. Karyn Hall, Director Office of Institutional Research, Ms. Shea Roll, Assistant Director of Residence Life

I. Call to Order

Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Jeremy Stovall called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. He welcomed the senators to the Forestry building and introduced our guest speakers.

II. Presentations

- A. Dr. Scott Gordon, President, addressed the Faculty Senate and discussed coronavirus meetings on campus. He expressed continuity of instruction regarding the coronavirus. He met with four regional community college presidents about renewed partnerships and discussed transfer student potentiality. He mentioned new budget models for Summer '21 and Fall '21. He does not want to starve the academic side of the new budget model. He asked for questions. Dr. Stovall shared with Dr. Gordon the Faculty Senate amendment related to non-tenure track faculty. Dr. Gordon verbally told the Faculty Senate he formally approves the constitutional amendment. Dr. Stovall stated Dr. Gordon's verbal approval allows for the finalization of this amendment.
- B. Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA, shared experiences with his training on the coronavirus. He shared there may be a campus email going out. He mentioned an online option for students if necessary regarding coronavirus effects. Dr. Bullard also mentioned a new advertisement regarding summer courses for the SFASU campus. He mentioned promotion of summer courses as a better resource
- C. Alisha Collins, Budget Analyst for Academic Affairs gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new SFASU Differential Tuition plan which will take effect Fall 2020. She detailed why SFASU is switching to a Differential Tuition plan: simplification of student billing, to provide transparency, to support the SFASU Strategic Plan targets, to emphasize credit hour production, to allow for costs to be weighted per credit hour for each discipline, to systematically distribute revenue, to allow for direct academic unit management, to reward positive annual change in semester credit hours, to provide reserve fund

opportunities, to utilize longitudinal budget planning, and to complement state formula funding methodology and actual expenses per academic each academic unit. Ms. Collins also shared a detail process overview of the new SFASU Differential Tuition Charge.

- D. Karyn Hall, Director of Institutional Research supported and presented with Alisha Collins regarding Differential Tuition.
- E. Shea Roll, Assistant Director of Residence Life shared a presentation on SFASU Residence Life and the history/current presence of learning communities within Residence Life student support programs. She mentioned SFA 101 courses on campus and the living arrangements of students in SFA 101 being placed in residence halls near each other for campus life/academic support. She gave positive facts regarding students living in learning communities. She mentioned a transition toward a new model of students living together in the halls based on more courses they have in common.

III. Break – Committee Breakout Session (3:30pm – 3:35pm)

IV. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #464

Dr. Stovall asked for any changes to the Minutes from Meeting #464. Senator McKenna moved to accept minutes and motion was seconded by Senator Straub. Minutes were approved.

V. Officer Reports

- A. Chair – Dr. Jeremy Stovall mentioned trends in other universities are similar to SFASU based on the Texas Council of Faculty Senates Meeting.
- B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Andrew Lannen shared faculty senators should be receiving a link to take a survey for next year committee options.
- C. Secretary – Dr. Kathy Sheriff - No Report
- D. Treasurer – Dr. Brian Uriegas reported that the Senate account balance as of March 4, 2020, is \$7201.69.

VI. Committee Reports

A. External (University) Committees

- a. Academic Affairs (Lannen, Stovall) Dr. Lannen shared more about the summer marketing program, the contingency plan concerns for the coronavirus. He shared about a new Aviation Science pilot program. He also shared information regarding a report by the AARC showing retention rate for first time African American students which was the highest demographic. Showcase Saturday had a significant increase in visitors.
- b. Core Curriculum Assessment Committee (Dr. Gooch) The committee met and discussed core curriculum assessment. Several new courses were added to the core, and one was not approved.
- c. University Assessment Steering Council (Dr. Oswald) Dr. Oswald mentioned there are over 700 changes in the Curriculog system.
- d. Distance Education (Jones, Sheriff, Weaver) Meeting scheduled for March 26th.
- e. Graduate Council (Dr. Oswald) Dr. Oswald reported the Graduate Council is looking at revisions of doctoral dissertation policies.

- f. Policy (Barrios, Drury, Onchoke) The Policy Committee reported it meets weekly to discuss faculty workload policy. They are reviewing parts of the policy that does not currently work at this time.
 - g. Ad Hoc Committees:
 - a. Electronic Accessibility Team (Dr. Weaver) Dr. Weaver reported the risks on campus for SFASU. She shared the concerns of faculty websites and this committee is looking for software/video/pictures software flaws. Dr. Weaver shared that for websites not being used, faculty might consider taking them down if it has SFA in the URL of the website.
 - b. Reimagining Advising (Guenther, Oswald): Dr. Oswald mentioned feedback from an advising survey sent out. He also mentioned professional development course concerns.
 - c. Ad Hoc Committee on the Role of Tenure in the Senate (Dr. Olson-Beal). Dr. Olson-Beal discussed the Senate Livestreaming practice, encouraging tenured faculty to serve on Faculty Senate, and a change to the Senate Constitution to address the status of the Senate Chair-Elect.
- B. Internal (FS) Committees

- a. Academic Affairs (Weaver) Dr. Weaver shared this committee has been looking into a no test option for admission to SFASU. We believe this is beyond the scope of our committee to discuss. Another Ad Hoc committee to look into this may be an option for Faculty Senate. Dr. Stovall formed the Ad Hoc Committee on Test Optional Admission. Dr. King, Dr. Weaver, and Dr. Gooch volunteered to serve on this committee.
- b. Administration and Finance (Uriegas) Dr. Uriegas and Dr. McKenna discussed follow-up questions sent to Vice President of Finance and Administration, Dr. Danny Gallant.
- c. Communications (Greule) Dr. Greule mentioned five (5) people are on Livestream today viewing the March 4th Senate meeting.
- d. Elections (Jones) Dr. Jones stated elections will occur in April for next year Faculty Senate open positions. There will be a total of 16 positions available for Faculty Senate next year.
- e. Ethics (Dr. Gooch) No report.
- f. Faculty Government and Involvement (Ainsworth) This committee has not met at this time. No Report at this time.
- g. Professional Welfare (Berg) Dr. Berg reported this committee is reviewing the applications for the Faculty Senate Teaching Excellence Award.
- h. Strategic Planning (Lannen) No Report at this time.

VII. Old Business:

The amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution relating to non-tenure track representation on the Senate was approved by a vote of 118 – 37. The 76% approval rate exceeded the 2/3 majority of votes cast required to amend the Constitution. It was also approved by Dr. Gordon. The Constitution is amended.

VIII. New Business:

Dr. Stovall discussed a document he gave to Faculty Senators that shared some changes to Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate. He asked us to look at minor updates. This will be included in Old Business at the next meeting and Senators will vote on these updates then.

Adjournment:

Dr. Sosebee moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Dr. Adams. Faculty Chair Stovall adjourned the meeting at 4:27 P.M.