

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Agenda – Meeting #466
Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Zoom Meeting - Coronavirus
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, 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: Angela Jones (being deployed to work in hospital)

Guests: Dr. Scott Gordon, President, Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA, Dr. Danny Gallant, VPFA

I. Call to order: Dr. Stovall called meeting to order at 2:30 pm

II. Presentations

- A. Dr. Scott Gordon, President: Dr. Gordon thanked faculty for working through the campus issues and supporting students during this coronavirus issue. He shared this will be a difficult time for SFA due to fee reimbursements to students. He also mentioned finances from the state will be very possibly limited. He mentioned not only Covid-19 budgetary issues, but stated that in Texas there are concerns with the gas/oil industry issues which will also affect funding. Summer and Fall enrollment is currently down for SFA. He requests patience and perseverance as SFA moves forward in this Covid-19 time period.
- B. Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA: Dr. Bullard discussed the large effort of support for communicating with the SFA Community regarding the Senate resolution for Pass/Fail.
- C. Dr. Danny Gallant, VPFA: Dr. Gallant stated SFA has reached out to students during this time in a more personal way than some of the larger institutions. He mentioned SFA is currently above nine million dollars in refunds to students and discussed current summer and fall semester deficits.

Much discussion ensued.

III. Break: 3:05pm - 3:10pm

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Meeting #465: Senator Gooch moved to accept. Senator Greule seconded motion. Minutes were accepted by vote.
- B. Special Called March 27 Meeting on Pass/Fail Option: Senator Onchoke moved to accept. Senator Rogers seconded motion. Minutes were accepted by vote.

V. Officer Reports

- A. Chair – Dr. Jeremy Stovall: Reported the online course communication reporting tool for students to file a document if support is needed from faculty or advisors. He mentioned the Town Hall meeting.
- B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Andrew Lannen: No Report.
- C. Secretary – Dr. Kathy Sheriff: No Report
- D. Treasurer – Dr. Brian Uriegas: Balance of \$7201.69 as of April 8, 2020. Dr. Uriegas discussed expenditures for March and April.

VI. Committee Reports

A. External (University) Committees: No Reports

1. Ad Hoc Committees

- a. Faculty Salary Study (Stovall, Lannen): Dr. Stovall discussed the status of the Salary Study.

B. Internal (FS) Committees

- a. Elections (Jones): Dr. Stovall spoke for Dr. Jones (excused). Elections conclude mid-April.
- b. Professional Welfare (Berg): Dr. Berg discussed the competitive applications for the Non-tenure Track Teaching Excellence faculty award. Dr. Erica Dillard was selected as the recipient.

VII. Old Business

1. Amend Standing Rules (Stovall): Senator Rogers moved to accept the Standing Rules Amendment. Senator McKenna seconded the motion. Motion passed by more than 2/3 majority vote.

VIII. New Business

1. Role of Tenure in the Senate (Olson-Beal): The resolution on *The Role of Tenure in the Senate* document was discussed. Dr. Gooch moved to table the item. Movement was seconded by Senator Hardin. Tabled by majority vote.

Adjournment:

Senator King moved to adjourn meeting. Senator Uriegas seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.