

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Minutes – Meeting #467
Wednesday, April 29, 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

I. Call to order: Dr. Jeremy Stovall, Senate Chair, called the final senate meeting to order at 2:30pm.

II. Guest Presentations

- A. Dr. Scott Gordon, President: Dr. Gordon shared he is participating on a task force headed by the Lt. Governor specifically to reopen higher education in Texas. He stated that nobody knows at this time what is going to happen for Fall. He wants to engage faculty conversation regarding course instructional modalities for the Fall semester. He mentioned the following two extremes: will we be able to teach on campus with no restrictions or teach completely online? He predicted SFA will open somewhere between the two extremes. He mentioned we will be needing faculty volunteers to devise a plan(s) to support reopening SFASU in Fall 2020. COVID-19 has brought about much financial loss for our campus. He shared that Federal CARES money has become more and more restrictive for usage. Dr. Gordon believes the biggest thing facing us right now is how we reopen campus. He took questions from faculty. Much discussion ensued regarding COVID-19 financial implications for our campus.
- B. Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA: Dr. Bullard shared gratitude to faculty for working together during this COVID-19 time period. He stated currently we are up 7% in credit hours for summer enrollment from last summer due to our summer enrollment campaign. Dr. Bullard addressed post-tenure review questions that have been brought up regarding delay of post-tenure review for some because of COVID-19 issues. He mentioned he and Dr. Gordon will be meeting with faculty in each college via ZOOM over the next few weeks.

III. Break: 3:49 – 3:54pm.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #466. Senator Hardin moved to accept and Senator Greule seconded. Motion to accept passed.

V. Officer Reports

- A. Chair – Dr. Jeremy Stovall shared about a meeting he had with students and Dr. Peck regarding the semester grading pass/fail option. He mentioned a committee regarding differential tuition decisions, and he put together a data spread sheet for presentation

regarding programs. He stated SFA would be in a better place with differential tuition unless enrollment decreases due to COVID-19. He presented via ZOOM to the Board of Regents in April presenting faculty accomplishments.

- B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Andrew Lannen: No Report
- C. Secretary – Dr. Kathy Sheriff: No Report
- D. Treasurer – Dr. Brian Uriegas reported the account balance of \$7201.69 as of April 29, 2020 which includes the following:
 - \$3757.75- Carry Over from FY 2019
 - \$2977.03- O&M FY 2020
 - \$466.91- Travel FY 2020

Expenditures from April 8, 2020-April 29, 2020 include:

There are also expenditures from the Fall for plaques that have not posted in Banner.

He also shared upcoming expenditures:

- \$350.00 Texas Council of Faculty Senate Dues
- \$900.00 Faculty Senate Teaching Awards
- \$25-\$50 Name Plate for New Faculty Senate Member (Sara Bishop)
- +/- \$100 Snacks and Drinks for November, February, March
- +/- \$200 Axe Handles for Departing Senators

VI. Committee Reports

A. External (University) Committees

- a. Academic Affairs (Lannen, Stovall): This committee has been meeting weekly. Most was addressed previously in this meeting by Dr. Gordon.

B. Internal (FS) Committees

- a. Elections (Jones): Dr. Jones reported faculty elections are complete.

VII. Old Business

- A. Resolution on Role of Tenure in the Senate. Discussion ensued. Amendments/changes to the document were added. Senator Gooch moved to accept the *Resolution on Role of Tenure in the Senate* document. Senator Onchoke seconded the motion. Motion for resolution as amended passed.

VIII. New Business

- A. Pass the Gavel: Dr Stovall passed the gavel via ZOOM to Dr. Lannen.
- B. Officer Elections: The Faculty Senate voted on the following officer positions for 2020-2021: Dr. Laurie Rogers was elected Senate Secretary, Dr. Straub was elected Treasurer, Dr. Gooch was elected Parliamentarian. Chair-Elect for 2020-2021 will take place in special meeting next week. Dr. Uriegas was nominated but declines to accept today. He agreed to contact Dr. Lannen once he determined if he would accept the nomination.
- C. Senate Meeting Dates for AY20-21 were discussed by Dr. Lannen. Dr. Laurie Rogers moved to accept dates for next year. Dr. McKenna seconded motion. Motion passed.
- D. Recognition of Outgoing Senators was shared by Dr. Lannen.

Motion to adjourn was made by Senator Gooch. Motion was seconded by Senator Straub.
Meeting was adjourned by Senator Lannen at 4:34pm.