

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Minutes – Meeting #471
Wednesday, February 10
Zoom Meeting
2:30pm

I. Call to order 2:30 CST Attending Senators: Adams, James; Bailey-Wallace, Kristin; Bishop, Sara; Cegelka, Derek; Cooper, Dana; Cooper, Steve; Drake, Sarah; Gooch, Donald; Greule, Al; Guenther, Christina; Han Xiaozhen, Jenny; Harden, Gina; Joubert, Dustin; Klein, Michelle; Lannen, Andrew; Leysath, Margaret; Majs, Franta; McDonald Darrel; McKenna Chris; Midgley, Herbert; Mitchell, Jonathan; Ogale, Pushkar; Olson Beal, Heather; Oswald, Tina; Patterson, Gretchen; Rogers, Laurie; Rogers, Pamela; Sizemore, Diane; Straub, Sarah; Turner, Chris; Uriegas, Brian; Zhang, Yanli

*Note: loss of power affected recording of video and minutes for portions of this meeting

II. Presentations

- A. Dr. Scott Gordon, President
 - a. Impending weather – sending out emails; sign up for jack Alert
 - b. Searches for VP Provost – four finalists
 - c. Legislature
 - d. Distinguish high school partnerships
 - e. Financial leveraging
 - f. Expansion of off campus
 - g. Leadership summit community
 - h. Campus communication/shared governance
 - i. Draft for shared governance
 - ii. Communication structures
 - iii. Data resource team
 - iv. HR staff council
 - i. University budget council
- B. Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA
 - a. Regents scholar medallion
 - b. Study abroad
 - c. Study away
 - d. Teaching excellence awards
 - e. Final stage of SACS COC reaffirmation
 - f. May commencement
 - g. Graduate research conference
 - h. Academic Pathways to SFA
- C. Marc Guidry, Associate Provost
 - a. Course modality on course evaluations

III. Break – 3:55pm Return 4:00pm

IV. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #470

V. Officer Reports

- A. Chair – Dr. Andrew Lannen – (Lost Zoom connection)
- B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Brian Uriegas
- C. Secretary – Dr. Laurie Rogers - NA
- D. Treasurer – Dr. Sarah Straub - NA

VI. Committee Reports

A. External (University) Committees

- a. Academic Affairs Council (Lannen) – (Lost Zoom connection)
- b. Core Curriculum Assessment Committee (Gooch) - NA
- c. Distance Education (Cegelka, Harden, McDonald, Weaver) – staying with Brightspace
- d. Graduate Council (Uriegas) – Curriculum approval in process
- e. Policy (Gooch, Drake, Midgely) – evaluating policies

B. Internal (FS) Committees

- a. Academic Affairs (Turner) - NA
- b. Administration and Finance (Harden) - discussing the new budget committee build process
- c. Communications (Greule) – staying current on releases about meetings
- d. Elections (P. Rogers) – new members in various colleges
- e. Faculty Government and Involvement (Cegelka) - coming up with proposed constitutional amendment
- f. Professional Welfare (Joubert) - email requesting applications for Non-Tenure Track excellence awards
- g. Strategic Planning (Uriegas) - NA

VII. Academic Calendar

- A. Determined that questions from the faculty petition are to be submitted and answered by the calendar committee, and then posted on the faculty senate website.

VIII. Shared Governance document and news updates

- A. Updates – Faculty Senate Chair added to the Cabinet biweekly meetings with president; staff council pending; shared governance website planned
- B. The current document draft – need to enlarge the allowed number of people engaged in the shared governance process. Need to change how people get selected to be on committees. Need an ad hoc working group.

IX. Selection of representatives to University Budget Council

- A. Faculty senate representative – volunteer or delegate? Same process for selecting college representatives?
 - 1. Decision- choose Faculty Senate representative and college faculty representative through a Faculty Senate committee who will collect applications and meet to select the members.

2. Motion: Senator Brian Uriegas Second Alan Greule / Motion Passed

X. Proposed Constitutional Amendment and discussion of Standing Rules

A. Add wording re Chair elect must be tenured?

B. Allow third year senator to be chair elect and chair in subsequent years?

C. The Faculty Senate Chair shall not vote on a motion or proposal unless the senate be evenly divided?

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

A. Modality survey questions on student evaluations – motion: modality survey questions should not be part of student evaluation surveys

B. Motion Senator Brian Uriegas Second Franta Majs / Motion passed