

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Minutes – Meeting #472
Wednesday, March 3
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

II. Presentations

- A. Dr. Scott Gordon, President
 - a. In Austin today, unable to attend
- B. Dr. Steve Bullard, Provost & VPAA
 - a. Mask mandate – has not been discussed at cabinet level as of yet, but definitely plans will be issued and information released.
 - b. SFASU Foundation Achievement award next year: recommended that a third category i.e. faculty service recognition be added
 - c. Regents' Scholar medallion is being changed; being designed by Art students
 - d. Timeline when filling position timelines will open; by end of this month
 - e. Reinvestment for VSIP money – who is involved in making decisions – need based on what is shared by academic unit head, deans, and Budget Analyst Alisha Collins.
 - f. Questions about a candidate for Provost position – Dr. Stovall: committee and Dr. Gordon are aware of the issue.
- C. Dr. Brandon Frye, VP for Student Affairs
 - a. From University of West Florida as Assoc VP Academic Affairs/Student Engagement
 - b. Goals: resources for faculty; student access; helping connect through learning communities; student engagement; better connect the living-learning environment
- D. Carrie Charley, Director of Auxiliary Services
 - a. Residence life, dining, student center, book store
 - b. New tool for textbook adoption: Adoption & Insight Portal IE AIP
 - i. Communications will go out for training asap
 - ii. Launch date is currently unknown
 - iii. Enlight will be used until April 30 or later
- E. Ryan Ivey, Director of Athletics
 - a. Overall university budget and role of athletics presented
 - b. FS comments – a) advertising monies b) athletic scholarships actual budget value c) soccer season ticket sales – soccer – reserved chairback requires a donation to Purple Lights is part of ticket price d) Joining WAAC – benefits to student enrollment

III. Break 3:29 Return 3:35pm

IV. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #471 Motion: Senator Harden Second: Senator Straub

V. Officer Reports

- A. Chair – Dr. Andrew Lannen
 - a. Covid 19 response team still monitoring and following state trends
 - b. COVID kiosk moved to off campus location
 - c. Covid 19 response team working on what to do with mask mandate march 10
 - d. Extended cabinet budget town halls schedule pending
 - e. Push for earlier setting of schedules such as registrations for summer/fall
 - f. Food service with Aramark is up; three contenders for food service
 - g. Sacs reaccreditation; coming for virtual site visit end of March;
- B. Chair-Elect – Dr. Brian Uriegas
 - a. Lumberjack innovation team subcommittee faculty staff welfare – meet Friday for April report
- C. Secretary – Dr. Laurie Rogers NA
- D. Treasurer – Dr. Sarah Straub NA

VI. Committee Reports

- A. External (University) Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs Council (Lannen) – [stated above]
 - b. Core Curriculum Assessment Committee (Gooch) - NA
 - c. Distance Education (Cegelka, Harden, McDonald, Weaver) - NA
 - d. Graduate Council (Uriegas) 1. Approved curriculog at graduate level 2. Role of graduate council with SACS
 - e. Policy (Gooch, Drake, Midgely) 1. Policies have had minor cosmetic changes
- B. Internal (FS) Committees
 - a. Academic Affairs (Turner) - NA
 - b. Administration and Finance (Harden) 1. Working on faculty applications to university budget council 2. Friday is deadline for FS to apply as FS representative to this council
 - c. Communications (Greule) - NA
 - d. Elections (P. Rogers) – 1. Have draft of emails to go out for voting for nominations for FS Tuesday after Spring break; ballots go out March 22– April 2.
 - e. Ethics (McDonald) - NA
 - f. Faculty Government and Involvement (Cegelka) - NA
 - g. Professional Welfare (Joubert) 1. Reviewing NTT applications with recommendation in by Friday
 - h. Strategic Planning (Uriegas) - NA

VII. Old Business

- A. Faculty petition regarding the Academic Calendar – interested parties directed to website
- B. Proposed Constitutional Amendment and discussion of Standing Rules

1. Tenure status of Chair Elect: update the Standing Rules to read the preference will be that of TT chair elect. Motion: Senator Turner Second Senator Sizemore -YES
 2. First- and Second-year membership of chair elect - Option C - Motion Senator Turner Second Senator Oswald - YES
- C. Proposed Change to the Standing Rules - Meetings of the Faculty Senate
Add: *The Chairperson shall not vote on a motion or proposal unless the Senate be evenly divided.* Motion: Senator Mckenna Second: Senator Majs - YES

VIII. New Business

- A. Constitution of Nominating Committee
- B. Mask mandate resolution statement in support of keeping mask mandate at least through end of this semester from FS Chair? Motion Senator Turner Second: Senator Oswald – YES
- C. Shared governance - draft – needs updating

Close: Motion to adjourn- Senator Patterson Second Senator Uriegas @ 5:07 pm,