

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Agenda – Meeting #489
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 2:30 CST

I. Call to order (McKenna)

- A. Present: Jeremy Becnel, Julie Bloxson, Jason Bruck, Gina Fe Causin, Arye Chakravartty, Rebecca Davis, George Day (Secretary), Sarah Drake, Erika Hoagland, Lindsey Kennon, Michelle Klein (Treasurer), CC Conn (Chair-Elect), Wenjing Li, Daniel McCleary, G.W. Scott (proxy: Rob McDermid), Chris McKenna (Chair), Herbert Midgley (Parliamentarian), Rajat Mishra, Jonathan Mitchell, Perry Moon, Tina Oswald, Emily Payne, Bidisha Sengupta, Louise Stoehr, Sarah Staub, Bailey Thompson, Victoria Wagner-Greene, Jake Walburn, Yanli Zhang
- B. Absent (no proxy): Gretchen Patterson, Leland Thompson, Chris Turner

II. Presentation - Dr. Lorenzo Smith, Provost/Exec. VP for Academic Affairs

- A. Expressed gratitude to the outgoing chair
- B. Current status of pending system transition efforts affecting AA
 - 1. teams continue under the guidance of Mark Guidry (AA); issue w/librarians not being associated with a college in a tenured rank; policies being converted to HOP; benefits/insurance/retirement being looked at by the team
- C. Annual Faculty Service and Scholarly Excellence Awards
 - 1. Provost stated that he is in making this happen and has started examining awards given by the various colleges; The deans spoke favorably “in principle” of the proposal
- D. Q&A
 - 1. Interim pres. – Board of Regents (BoR) meet on the 10th and will make an announcement regarding interim president; unknown who it is or how long they will serve
 - 2. \$5.5 for faculty/AA? Will be the decision of the incoming president (or interim); 6% already given cost \$3.5mil
 - 3. AA budget question asked; Provost answer involved discussion of his priorities for AA funding for things like the Ombudsman; 6-7 faculty positions; about \$6 mil in ongoing support to add to current AA operating/ongoing budget
 - 4. Financial aid disbursements for summer: lag between semester start & financial aid disbursements (nursing students) causing financial issues

III. Session Break & transition to Senate business session (faculty only)¹

IV. Approval of minutes from meeting #488

- A. Requested changes: correction to the spelling of Senator Wager-Greene ‘s name
- B. Motion to accept by: [Tina Oswald]; 2nd: [Darrel McDonald]

V. Introduction of new Senate members:

- A. RCOB: N/A
- B. PCOE: Sarah Straub (TT)

¹ public recording to be terminated during break

- C. ATCOFA: Rebecca Kidd (TT)
- D. STEM: Jason Bruck (TT), Alexandra Van Kley (TT)
- E. MECOFA: Mario Ajero (TT), Eden Collins (TT), Herb Midgley (NTT)
- F. CLAA: Hunter Hampton (TT), Tyler Welsh (TT), Lisa Bentley (NTT)
- G. Library: Phil Reynolds

VI. Officer Reports

A. Chair (McKenna)

- 1. stonewalled on inquiries about presidential search
- 2. BoR presentation 4.25.23, spoke about recognition for research and service in addition to teaching

B. Chair-Elect (Conn) – no report

C. Secretary (Day)

- 1. Faculty senate webpage updated with most recent recordings and minutes

D. Treasurer (Klein)

- 1. current balance: \$1743.92
- 2. expected outstanding debits/credits: \$1677.82 ; pending \$1066.10 award

VII. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs (Midgley/Straub) –

- 1. HOP 5.10 - Establishing Centers Institutes and Specialized Testing or Service Laboratories
- 2. HOP 6.14 – Institutional Absences
- 3. HOP ?..?? – Use of University Facilities
- 4. HOP 7.1 – Academic and Professional Qualifications
- 5. HOP 7.5 Adjunct Faculty Performance Evaluation
- 6. HOP 7.27 – Student Evaluation of Instruction

B. Grad Council: (Conn, *ex officio*) – no report

C. Core Curriculum Assessment (Conn, *ex officio*) – no report

D. Staff Council update (Thompson/Patterson) – no report

E. Internal committees

- 1. Elections (Mishra) -run-off completed and senator seated; noted concerns about the election from faculty to be addressed next year; suggest (can administrators who also teach can vote)

VIII. Old Business

- A. Resolution of outstanding election issue (Mishra, McKenna, etc.). see above.
- B. Reminder: Voting eligibility is an issue to take up next Fall

IX. New Business

A. Thank You's and Farewells (McKenna, Conn)

- 1. Chris Turner, Yanli Zhang, Perry Moon, Darrel McDonald, Gretchen Patterson, Jonathan Mitchell, and Tina Oswald.

B. Outgoing Chair remarks, followed by the "Passing of the Gavel" (McKenna).

C. Election of incoming Chair-Elect (Conn) – Perry Moon

D. Election of officers for next year: Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian (Conn)

- 1. Secretary: Sarah Straub
- 2. Treasurer: Michelle Klein

3. Parliamentarian: Herb Midgley
- E. Chair's initial address to the Senate (Conn) –
 1. Survey regarding standing and ad hoc committee will be sent out soon.

X. Adjournment

- a. Motion: [D. McDonald] 2nd: [J. Mitchell]