

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Agenda – Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 2:30 p.m. CST

[April Special Meeting Materials](#)

- I. Call to Order (Conn)
 - A. Section 5. A quorum shall consist of one more than one-half of the voting membership. (Quorum = 18)
 - B. Present
 - C. Absent (no proxy):

Senator	Present	Absent	Proxy
Ajero, Mario (CFA)		x	
Becnel, Jeremy (CSM)		x	
Bentley, Lisa (CLAA)	x		
Bloxson, Julie (CSM)	x		
Bruck, Jason (CSM)	x		
Causin, Gina Fe (PCOE)	x		
Chakravartty, Arye (CLAA) (Chair-elect)	x		
Collins, Eden (CFA)	x		
Conn, CC (CFA) (Chair; non-voting member)	x		
Davis, Rebecca (NRCB)	x		
Day, George (CLAA)	x		
Drake, Sarah (PCOE)	x		
Hampton, Hunter (CLAA)	x		Court Carney
Hoagland, Ericka (CLAA)		x	
Kennon, Lindsey (PCOE)	x		
Kidd, Rebecca (ATCOFA)		x	
Klein, Michelle (CSM) (Treasurer)	x		
Li, Wenjing (NRCB)	x		
Martynova-Van Kley, Alexandra (CSM)	x		
McCleary, Daniel (PCOE)	x		
McDermand, Rob (NRCB)		x	
Midgley, Herbert (CFA) (Parliamentarian)	x		
Mishra, Rajat (NRCB)	x		
Payne, Emily (ATCOFA)		x	
Sengupta, Bidisha (CSM)	x		
Stoehr, Louise (CLAA)	x		
Straub, Sarah (PCOE) (Secretary)	x		Melissa Hulings
Thompson, Bailey (CLAA)	x		
Thompson, Leland (ATCOFA)		x	
Wagner-Greene, Victoria (PCOE)	x		
Walburn, Jake (CFA)	x		
Welsh, Tyler (CLAA)	x		

- II. Presentations
 - A. Ombuds Proposal

1. made clear which parts of the proposal came from older Faculty Senate
2. added the work of the 2023-2024 Faculty Senate based on information gathered by faculty committees
3. see the document in the Teams folder.
4. Motion: 1st [Conn], 2nd [Causin]; motion passes - unanimous

B. Chairs Policy

1. Notes from Jason Bruck regarding changes to the policy as we received it:
 - a) Made clear interim chairs should be in place for no more than one year per UT regents rules
 - b) added that meetings with the provost can be made if the dean does not provide feedback in a timely manner
 - c) deans should provide feedback to unit faculty within one month
 - d) If a chair returning to faculty was chair for more than > 6 years, the RDF salary is within the top quartile of salaries at the former unit holds, per Texas education code 51.948c
2. Motion: 1st [Conn], 2nd [Causin]; motion passes - unanimous

C. Policy committee update - the committee's plans to review HOP 2-302, 02-207, 04-110, and 02-108; will be discussed at the May Faculty Senate meeting.

III. Adjournment

- A. Motion: 1st [Bruck], 2nd [Midgley]