

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Faculty Senate Agenda – Special Called Meeting to Discuss Pass/Fail Option**  
**Friday, March 27, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting during COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**2:30pm**

Faculty Senate Members in Attendance: James Adams, Kristin Bailey-Wallace, Todd Barrios, Wesley Berg, Sara Bishop, Derek Cegelka, Scott Drury, Donald Gooch, Al Greule, Christina Guenther, Gina Harden, Angela Jones, Dustin Joubert, Larry King, Andrew Lannen, Franta Majs, Chris McKenna, Pushkar Ogale, Heather Olson-Beal, Kefa Onchoke, Brian Oswald, Linda Reynolds (Proxy for Kyle Ainsworth) Laurie Rogers, Pamela Rogers, Kathy Sheriff, Jeremy Stovall, Scott Sosebee, Jeremy Stovall, Sarah Straub, Brian Uriegas, Jamie Weaver

I. Call to order : Chair Jeremy Stovall called the meeting to order at 3:03pm (Zoom Bombing occurred at 2:30pm and new Zoom link was emailed and meeting began late).

II. Zoom Faculty Senate Meeting Orientation: Chair Jeremy Stovall explained the processes during this online ZOOM meeting. He detailed how comments from faculty attending the meeting would be addressed during the meeting session using hand raising features. Invitees were: Lynda Langham – Registrar, Sabrina Delaney – Associate Registrar, Donna Burkett – Assistant Registrar, Raquel Skidmore – Interim Directors, Student Success Center, Rachele Garrett – Director, Financial Aid, Anthony Espinoza – Chief Information Officer, Karyn Hall – Director, Institutional Research, Erma Brecht – Director, Enrollment Management, Damon Derrick, General Counsel, Scarleth Lopez – President, Student Government Association, Cathleen Young – Vice President, Student Government Association, Gabi Harris – Chief Justice, Student Government Association

III. Presentations

A. Ms. Scarleth Lopez, Ms. Cathleen Young, and Ms. Gabi Harris all presented. Ms. Lopez thanked faculty for allowing students to attend and address faculty. She explained many students have contacted the Student Government Association to share difficulties with transition to online courses mid-semester due to COVID-19. She shared some student emails addressing their circumstances and their requests for stress relief, as did the other student leaders. She shared student voices requesting Pass/Fail option. Many faculty and student questions and comments ensued.

IV. New Business

Pass/Fail Option: Dr. Stovall shared the process of how the Pass/Fail option for students (during the COVID19 pandemic) was being considered on our campus which led to the draft resolution. He shared information from the Town Hall meeting held at 8:00am this morning with Drs. Bullard and Guidry (Provost and Associate Provost respectfully) where faculty discussed the Pass/Fail option for Spring 2020 grades with the Provosts. Dr. Stovall shared and read the proposed draft. He offered examples. Dr. Stovall opened

the floor for full discussion by faculty senators, SFASU Student Government leaders, and SFASU administrative offices staff. Much discussion ensued.

Break: Dr. Stovall called for a break at 4:48pm. Meeting resumed at 4:55pm.

Senator Sosebee moved to go into Executive Session. Senator McKenna seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*EXECUTIVE SESSION*

Senator Sosebee moved to suspend recording during executive session. Senator Pamela Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SFA Faculty Senate Resolution on Recommendations for Temporary Changes to Educational Policies for Spring 2020 in Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic passed by majority vote.

Dr. Scott Sosebee moved to move out of Executive Session. Dr. Laurie Rogers seconded. Motion passed.

*END EXECUTIVE SESSION*

Dr. Stovall returned to recording.

V. Adjournment: Senator Rogers moved for meeting to adjourn. Senator Gooch seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.