

SFA Faculty Senate Resolution on Recommendations for Role of Tenure in the Senate and other Related Practices

Whereas it is the role of the Faculty Senate to advise the administration on academic policy.

Whereas serving on the Faculty Senate is a significant investment of time.

Whereas untenured tenure-track faculty should be best enabled to focus on teaching, scholarship, research, and/or creative activities during their probationary period.

Whereas the Faculty Senate best serves the interests of the faculty with open and candid debates among Senators on academic issues.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the following practices be adopted by the Faculty Senate henceforth.

- 1. Livestreaming practice, and presence of those not currently serving on Senate during meetings:**
 - a. That the Faculty Senate continues the practice of livestreaming and recording the meetings during invited presentations.
 - b. That the Faculty Senate discontinues livestreaming and recording during the subsequent committee reports and business meeting.
 - c. That the Chair instructs administrators and other non-faculty attendees to excuse themselves following all invited presentations.
 - d. That, if the Faculty Senate moves into executive session, the Senate Parliamentarian make an announcement that executive session is open only to currently serving Senators, and guests invited to the executive session by the Chair. Executive sessions will not be livestreamed or recorded.
- 2. Inclusion of untenured tenure-track faculty on the Faculty Senate:**
 - a. Colleges are encouraged to nominate tenured faculty to serve on Faculty Senate in tenure-track seats.
 - b. The Faculty Senate is requested to work to amend the constitution to address the status of tenure of the Faculty Senate Chair-Elect, so that that person will be tenured when serving in that role.