Faculty Senate Meeting

April 16, 2021

[TEAMS](https://tamucc.webex.com/meet/mmoreno11)

**3:41– 4:41 p.m.**

1. Call to Order by Senator Pletcher (Chair of Awards, Bylaws, & Elections Committee) at 3:41 p.m. **Attendance (2021-2022 Senate)**

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| Senators |  | Senators |  |
| Bernhardt, Ross | X | Hollenbaugh, Michelle | X |
| Bippert, Kellie | X | Johnson, Philip | X |
| Bird, Chris | X | Loika, Elizabeth | O |
| Bonnette, Randy | X | McNamara, Mark | X |
| Britt, Sean | X | Metcalf, Emily | X |
| Changchit, Nikki | X | Perez, Miguel | X |
| Comparini, Lisa | X | Pletcher, Bethanie | X |
| Dinkens, Shelly | X | Rangel, Pablo | O |
| Edwards, Davey | X | Rao, Mohan | X |
| Ekici, Celil | X | Schuchs Carr, Isla | X |
| Greene, Pam | X | Waheeduzzaman, Abu | X |
| Hernandez, Patricia | X | Zhao, Chang | X |
| Administrative Assistant | | LaNiece Tucker | X |

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve made by Senator Metcalf and seconded by Senator McNamara. Motion passed.
2. Introductions: All in attendance for this first meeting of the 2021-2022 Faculty Senate introduced themselves.
3. Election of Officers Prior to the meeting, a call for nominations for officers went out to all senators serving for the 2021-2022 year. Leadership for the meeting was temporarily transferred to Senator Greene to conduct the election of the Speaker.
4. Speaker: Senator Bethanie Pletcher was nominated for Speaker. The floor was open for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. Senator Pletcher was elected to Speaker of the Faculty Senate for the 2021-2022 year. The leadership of the meeting was transferred to Speaker Pletcher.
5. Deputy Speaker: Senator Hollenbaugh was nominated. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Senator Hollenbaugh was elected to Deputy Speaker for the 2021-2022 year.
6. Secretary: Senator Greene was nominated. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Senator Greene was elected to secretary for the 2021-2022 year.
7. Parliamentarian: The Speaker appointed Senator Changchit as Parliamentarian.
8. Committee Breakout Sessions A list of Faculty Senate Committees and the senators assigned to each committee was provided. Fifteen minutes was allotted for each committee to meet in break-out meetings. The main focus was to elect a chair.
9. New Business
10. Faculty Affairs If policies come up for review during the summer (before August) and they need quick turn-around, then the executive committee will review and approve in place of the faculty affairs committee.
11. Committee on Committees University Committees that need Senate Representation. Senator Metcalf reviewed who had served on which committees this past academic year. There can be carry-over. Senator Metcalf indicated plans to send a list of the committees so senators could respond with their respective interests. Yet to be addressed is a

representative to the Budget Advisory Committee. The Deputy Speaker is assigned to the University Calendar Committee.

1. For the Good of the Order:

Speaker Pletcher indicated hope for the fall to meet in person with the Executive Committee and possibly the Senate as long as this could be accomplished within COVID-19 safety protocols.

1. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Senator Rao at 4:41 p.m.