

Faculty Advisory Council Meeting

April 17, 2026

2:00 -4:00 p.m., IH 323

Meeting was called to order @ 2:00 pm

Attendance: see table

FAC Rep	Aug 29	Sept 26	Oct 17	Nov 21	Dec 12	Jan 30	Feb 20	Mar 27	Apr 17
Mohammad Alhamad (Library)	x	x/z	x/z	x	0	x	x/z	X	x
Mara Barbosa (CLA)	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	--
Kelly Bezio (CLA)	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	x
Fereshteh (Farri) Billot (COS)	x	x	x	x/z	x/z	X	0	X	
Susan De Ghize (SAMC)	x	x	x	x	x	X/	X	X	x
Luis Espinoza (CONHS)	x	x	x/z	x/z	x	X	x/z	X	x
Alihan Hadimlioglu (COE)	x	x/z	x	x	x	X	X	X	x
Catherine Harrel (CONHS)	x	x	x	x	x	X/z	X	X	x
Yu-Shan (Sandy) Huang (COB)	x/z	x/z	x/z	x/z	x/z	X/Z	x/z	X/Z	x/z
James Ikonomopoulos (COEHD)	x	x/z	0	0	x/z	x	X	x	x
Faoran Ji (COE)	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dimitrios Koutmas (COB)	x/z	0	x/z	0	0		0	0	
Timothy Scott Johnson (CLA)	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	0	x
Scott King (COE)	x	x/z	x/z	x/z	x		X	0	x
Denise Lara (COEHD)	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	0	
Melissa Leal (CONHS)	x	x	0	x/z	x	X	0	X	x
Bozhen Liu (CECS)				x/z	x/z	x/z	x/z	X/Z	
Kevin Loeffler (SAMC)	x	x	x	0	x/z	x	0	0	x
Seth McKnight (SAMC)	x	x	x	x	x/z		X	X	x
Judy Metcalf (COS)	x	x	x	x	0	x	X	X	x
Oliver Cruz-Milan (COB)	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	x
Joseph Mollick (COB)	x	x	x/z	x	x/z	X/z	x/z	X/z	
Miguel Moreno (CLA)	0	x	x	0	x	x	X	0	x
Thomas Oldham (SAMC)	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	x

Felix Omoruyi (CONHS)	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	x
Dale Pattison (CLA)	x	0	x	x	x	X	X	X	x
Ingo Pecher (COS)	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	x
Bethanie Pletcher (COEHD)	x	0	x	x	x	-LOA-	--	--	--
Lori Podolsky (Library)	x	x	x/z	x	x	0	X	X	x
Ric Ricard (COEHD)	x	x/z	x	x/z	x/z	X/z	X	X	x/z
Habib Senol (COS)	x	x	x/z	x	x	x	X	x	x
M-Emad Tahtamouni (COS)		0	0	x/z	x/z		x/z	0	0
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Kelly Brown (COEHD)	--	--	--	--	--		x/z	X/Z	x

Others: Cate Rudowsky, Kevin Houlihan, Susan Wolff Murphy, ~~John LaRue~~, Joseph Doan (Staff Council), Ariel Kelly (AAUP), ~~Ben Soto~~-Margaret Barnett (IT), ~~Deborah Sibia~~ (ombuds), ~~Isla Schuchs Carr~~ (past speaker), Shay Lee (admin support)

1. Guest speaker: none
2. Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda with guest speaker amendment by Rep King and by Rep Podolsky
 - a. Approved unanimously
3. Approval of February minutes
 - a) Motion to approve minutes by Rep Metcalf, second by Rep Espinoza
 - i. Approved unanimously
4. Speakers Report: Speaker Johnson (posted in Teams folder)

As we draw near to the end of the Spring semester, I wanted to highlight the good work all of you have done this semester.

With your help, we have adapted to the new demands imposed by SB 37. We revised our Constitution as well as our Bylaws. Though Texas State Law forced these changes; we revised our operations according to our existing policies and procedures, seeking campuswide buy in throughout the process. This was a huge task that took other system schools the whole academic year to address. We handled it within the first two months of the Fall semester.

The Awards, Bylaws, and Elections committee has handled not just the normal awards selections but also new elections logistics and revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws.

For the first time in my memory (at least the last 5 academic years), the Budget Advisory Committee has met with the CFO on a semi-regular basis and has been given access to the campus budget.

The Faculty Affairs Committee to date has reviewed and offered faculty input on 28 university policies and procedures while also reviewing one emeritus case.

The Committee on Committees has updated and run the Faculty Satisfaction Survey and coordinated appointments to new committees. The Faculty Satisfaction Survey continues to be a useful tool to frame conversations with our administrators. This morning,

President Miller and I had constructive preliminary discussions about this year's results.

Academic Affairs reviewed 414 curriculum items spanning course changes, new courses, program changes, and new programs.

Last, but not least, our FAC liaisons to other standing and ad hoc campus committees have done important work influencing research priorities, parking policy, and expressive activities on campus.

This work can feel exhausting and tedious, but it is essential to the principle of shared governance, so I thank you all for it.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Rep Metcalf & Podolsky
 - i. Meet next week,
 - ii. Have submitted annual report
 - iii. Expedited 166 reviews, 119 course addition, 67 program changes, 6 new programs and will become more involved in system syllabus review
- b. Awards, Bylaws, & Elections – Rep Oldham
 - i. Faculty excellence awards –winners notified this week, awards April 30, 2026, at Islander Awards Day
 - ii. Regents Award application deadline passed April 15, review will begin next week
 - iii. Elections in new business timeline just wrapped up, public counting after this meeting
- c. Budget Analysis – Rep Pecher
 - i. Met last week
 - ii. Had submitted question to be answered today by Andrew Rogers, who could not be present
 - iii. Looking at actual expenditures and deferred expenses
- d. Committee on Committees – Rep Ricard
 - i. Faculty satisfaction results shared this am with President Miller by Speaker Johnson
 - ii. Faculty interest survey open after some glitches; survey to be completed by May 5, begin making appointments May 6
- e. Faculty Affairs – Rep Hadimlioglu

This month, we have one procedure to introduce:

- **31.08.01.C1, Faculty and Staff Emeritus**

Revised to align with updated System regulation

Key edits: Added annual review of resources given to emeritus individuals as required by System (sec 6.3)

The Faculty Affairs Committee has completed the review of the following procedure:

- **13.02.99.C0.04, Student Academic Misconduct** Revised to align with current practices
- Key edits
 - Updated timeline (sec 1.2, 4.1)
 - Minor/clerical edits throughout
- System is looking at a larger overhaul of these cases now (Lisa Perez is on the Task Force)

The committee examined the documents and asked for clarification on specific parts after their assessment. Additionally, minor edits were made. Following these changes, the committee approved the document.

This concludes my report, and I would now like to call for a vote to approve the procedure presented by the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Vote: all in favor, 0 nay, 0 abstentions

Report given and certified by Faculty Affairs Committee Chair Dr. Alihan Hadimlioglu

Faculty Affairs Committee Members:

Alihan Hadimlioglu (College of Engineering and Computer Science, Chair), Susan DeGhize (School of Arts, Media, & Communication), Kelly Bezio (College of Liberal Arts), Mohammad Alhamad (Mary and Jeff Bell Library), Sandy Huang (College of Business), Luis Espinoza (College of Nursing and Health Science), Bethanie Pletcher (College of Education and Human Development), M-Emad Tahtamouni (College of Science)

6. Liaison Reports

- a. CPIRA - Rep Cruz-Milan no report
 - a. Met 4/16/26 – had guest who addressed changes in international student issues, question regarding hiring moratorium
- b. Undergrad Council
 - a. No report
- c. Graduate Council – Rep Podolsky
 - a. No report, Meet next week
- d. AAUP (Ariel Kelly)
 - a. As we enter election cycle, please check your online security
 - b. Teams channel items on various types of censorship occurring in Texas
 - c. TAAUP meetings: Last week of April and first week of May
- e. Expressive Activities Committee (Kelly Bezio)
 - a. Meets next week. FAQ document. Scheduling and presentations.
- f. Transportation Advisory Council
 - a. The Transportation Advisory Committee met on March 31st to discuss the parking proposal. The proposal is moving forward; 3 propositions presented, first two passed (changes in tier and pricing, 24-hour enforcement residential lots – start Aug 1), 3rd (24-hour enforcement) tabled.

7. Ex Officio Reports

- a. Provost

- a. Andrew Rogers no longer in position of Finance & admin, in process of finalizing an interim, search will begin in summer with campus interviews in fall, Speaker Johnson on search committee
 - b. Questions form Budget
 - a. Faculty input – best to give input in colleges; will work with deans to explore options
 - b. Academic Affairs budget – will be reassessed over summer, opportunity for change,
 - c. Facilities & deferred maintenance – Dr. Miller understands issue of building deferred maintenance, system is addressing as well and will include in welcome back
 - d. Debt – will any of this retire soon? No specific details: Texas code has regulations on what debt can be taken
 - c. Admin hiring pause – Pres cabinet has asked HR to assess opportunities and effectiveness, job alignment; there is path to recognize those that step in and help
 - d. Shout out to Alihan to for proposing & leading the student course evaluation task force
 - e. Congrats to all Faculty Awards winners
 - b. Ombuds Deborah Sibia (ombuds) – not here, nothing to report, still available to meet with faculty virtually
 - c. Staff Council – Joseph Doan - no report
 - a. Elections next week
 - b. No shark week plans yet, but have met
 - d. Chief Information Officer Ben Soto represented by Margaret Barnett
 - a. No report or update
8. Old Business
- a. Presidential appointees – 1 year term, renewable for up to 6 years; have spoken to current appointees about willingness to serve again; faculty interest survey contains section on interest in appointees
9. New Business
- a. End of year reports – writeup committee reports, clean up teams files/folders
 - b. Lori Podolsky – can add to data repository in either paper or digital copies; reach out to Lori with question on what can/should be archived and how to archive appropriately
10. For the good of the order
11. Motion to adjourn by Rep Espinoza, second by Rep Leal; all approve
- a. Meeting adjourned 2:52 pm

Submitted by Cathy Harrel

Secretary, Faculty Advisory Council