

Faculty Senate Meeting

Sept 15, 2023

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1. Meeting was called to order @ 2:06 pm

Attendance: see table

Senator	May 5	Aug 25	Sept 15							Senator	May 5	Aug 25	Sept 15						
Mohamed Ahmed (COS)	x	x	0							Kevin Loeffler (CLA)	0	0	x						
Jennifer Anderson (Library)	x	x	x							Aref Mazloum (COE)	0	0	x						
Rosie Banda (COEHD)	0	x	x							Antonio Medrano (COE)	0	x	x						
Jeanne Birdwell (COEHD)	x	x	x							Valeriu Murgulet (COS)	x	x	x						
Jack Clampit (COB)	x	0	x							Dale Pattison (CLA)	x	x	x						
Isla Schuchs Carr (CLA)	x	0	x							Miguel Perez (CONHS)	x	x	x						
Tianxing Chu (COE)	x	x	x							Mohan Rao (COB)	x	0	x						
Deniz Gevrek (COB)	x	x	x							Leigh Shaver (CONHS)	x	x	x						
Catherine Harrel (CONHS)	x	x	x							Brian Shelton (CLA)	x	x	x						
Alexia Hight (Library)	x	x	x							George Tintera (COS)	x	x	x						

Michelle Hollenbaugh	x	x	x								Kim Withers (COS)	0	0	0						
Robin Johnson (COEHD)	x	x	x								Rabih Zeidan (COB)	x	x	x						
Zhaorui Li (COE)	0	x	0								Amy McClure (CONHS)	0	x	x						

Other: Kevin Houlihan, Trennon Cavanaugh (staff council), Kelly Bissio (AAUP), Scott Johnson (AAUP vice chair)

2. Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda by Senator Pattison, second by Senator Zeiden
  - a. Approved: all for
  
3. Minutes: Motion for Approval of August minutes by Senator Medrano second by Senator Johnson
  - a. Approved: all for, 0 no, 1 Abstention
  
4. Speaker's Report- Speaker Hollenbaugh
 

Andy Piker has agreed to serve as interim ombuds- but this isn't official yet. Deadline for applications is 10/15- my hope is to have some in place by the end of November.

Will be meeting with Susan Murphy at the end of the month re: issues with Argos (faculty lists)- provost had some suggestions- perhaps coordination through IT, banner, and/or registrar

Jaclyn Mahlmann is preparing a budget presentation for deans, and then after it will be shared with senate.

SB 17- system guidance has come out, no word from our admin. Yet.

Traintraq issue – deadline issues yet to come
  
5. Old Business
  - a. SB 18 – TAMUS AFS feedback from Senator Schuchs Carr, have not yet released guidelines, working with other systems to develop similar guidelines so they are stronger (legally) when they come out – UT, A&M, TS systems working together
  - b. SB 12 tied up currently, no movement
  - c. TCFS meeting end of Sept – will discuss there as well
  - d. System level groups discussing what's happening at your university meetings monthly, looking for feedback
  
6. Committee Meetings: Review & Report on Committee Agendas
  - a. Academic Affairs – Senator Johnson, Chair

- i. Just informed by S Murphy -timeline for curriculum has been moved up, timeline revamped; committee will meet to look at what needs to be reviewed first. Some things due Oct 1, to be approved Dec 15; due ... trying to spread out load and give registrar time needed to implement
- b. Awards, Bylaws, & Elections (ABE) – Senator Tintera, Chair
  - i. 2 elections this week – CS & CLA
  - ii. Will be brief ABE meeting this afternoon to certify election
  - iii. Amendment for FS constitution, open meeting completed, 1 suggestion – called form vote on updated amendment; 21 in favor, no opposed; amendment goes forward. Next step is vote by the TAMU-CC faculty (will need faculty rosters), then we can hold elections for SAMC.
- c. Budget Analysis – Senator Rao, Chair
  - i. System budgets: <https://assets.system.tamus.edu/files/budgets-acct/pdf/Executive%20Budget%20Summary/FY2023/2023ExecutiveSummary.pdf>  
Will review this and seek details
  - ii. August 8, I sent a request to Ms. Mahlman based on the previous budget analysis committee report and invited her to provide the details and/or make a presentation to the senate. I have not heard back yet. As the Provost suggested, our committee will come up with a list of specific questions to ask Ms. Mahlman.
  - iii. In the meantime, I will attend two important meetings: 1. The Faculty Promotion and Equity Review Committee, which is scheduled to meet on September 28; and 2. The University Budget Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on October 11.
- d. Committee on Committees – Senator Pattison, Chair
  - i. Will look at what schools of comparable size do to facilitate faculty interest survey participation in next month
- e. Faculty Affairs – Senator Schuchs Carr, Chair

The committee met on 09/08/2023 and reviewed proposed revisions to System Policy 12.06 and newly proposed system regulation 07.03.02.

System Policy 12.06, Post-Tenure Review of Faculty and Teaching Effectiveness.

  - We had no comments or concerns.
  - 07.03.02 Employee-Authored Course Materials
  - The committee reviewed the proposed rule as well as feedback from several faculty members who will currently or recently have used employee(self)-authored course materials and would be impacted by this new regulation. After reviewing their feedback, all of the comments are more in line with the specific implementation of what will become our TAMU-CC rule, than of information pertinent to this very general system rule. None of these faculty expressed concerns with the proposed system regulation, and the committee has no additional comments or concerns either.

All four procedures listed below have been reviewed by the Faculty Affairs committee and the revised procedures were approved by a unanimous committee vote on 09/10/2023:

31.05.01.C1, Faculty Consulting, External Professional Employment, and Conflicts of Interest

31.08.01.C1, Faculty and Staff Emeritus

21.05.01.C0.02, Endowed Faculty Positions

12.99.01.C0.01, Faculty Development Leave

**31.05.01.C1, Faculty Consulting, External Professional Employment, and Conflicts of Interest**

We had no comments or proposed revisions for this procedure.

**31.08.01.C1 Faculty and Staff Emeritus**

2.1 We added Librarian Emeritus to the listed emeritus titles.

3.2.3. We added Librarians and Librarianship

3. We added a comment asking why the discrepancy (5 vs 10) in minimum years in that position between staff and faculty applications.

**21.05.01.C0.02 Endowed Faculty Positions**

We suggested using "dean/executive director/director" instead of the "dean/director or executive director/director" language currently used throughout this procedure.

**12.99.01.C0.01 Faculty Development Leave**

4.1 – Primary Criteria (g) lists the library in the academic unit list. All library faculty are fixed-term faculty and not eligible for this type of leave, so we removed references to them in this section.

7.3 – The report and presentation section states that these documents will be used in consideration for the application for tenure and/or promotion. Since only tenured faculty are eligible for developmental leave, we removed references to tenure.

To be reviewed this month:

Fixed Term, Academic Misconduct

Will review FS slink for quality improvement – no submissions this past month, will look to changing language to ensure clarity, send feedback to Isla

Call for vote on 4 procedures:

31.05.01.C1, Faculty Consulting, External Professional Employment, and Conflicts of Interest  
31.08.01.C1, Faculty and Staff Emeritus  
21.05.01.C0.02, Endowed Faculty Positions  
12.99.01.C0.01, Faculty Development Leave

Approved unanimously, no abstentions

## 7. Liaison Reports

- a. CPIRA - Alexis Hight/Tianxing Ching Chu to fill in for 2 months- upcoming review for compliance/overcompliance issues
- b. Graduate Council - Rosie Banda – met yesterday, FA template training for dissertation chairs, asking for feedback, training Sept 20 @ 10 (zoom), 2 pm (in person) & also Sept 21 @ 10 (in person) & 2 (zoom); they also have training sessions for students on proper use of templates if you want them to come to your class
- c. IT – rep not here
- d. Staff Council – Trennon Cavanagh – Halloween event – games, fun
- e. AAUP – Kelly Bezio, president & Johnson, vice president  
Described goals of organization – national, local; serve as resource; have red book (AAUP Policy Documents and Reports) with resources for academic freedom, shared governance issues, Collaboration with AFT – access to resources, work on anti tenure legislation, Over summer some issues arose: early tenure policy questions, salary equity (when, who determines), faculty teaching fully online versus face-to-face class, ad hoc evaluation processes (is it occurring, please share if have info) Keeping eye on legislative updates: SB 17 (guidance link/handout); AAUP trying to assist faculty understand law; cultural competence training and identifying barriers to students still ok SB 1429 – legislated how standardized examinations can be used and graded, QR code with information Looking for way to train faculty to keep track of higher ed bills and how to communicate with legislators when we are public employees  
Chapter meetings: Friday, Sept 22 @ 5 pm @ BUS, open to any faculty
- f. TCFS - Isla Schuchs Carr – report shared with Senate members on last meeting; first zoom meeting next week; bylaws adopted; lots of other schools dealing with same problems so looking at common problems/solutions; shared governance was common issue, as were salary concerns; discussed methods to increase communication. In two weeks, San Antonio meeting Friday & Saturday, AFS will have meeting as part of larger meeting, then next meeting in February via zoom
- g. Expressive Activities Committee – Sen Pattison is FS rep, but has class at meeting times, will need volunteer to attend meetings for semester (3 pm Wed), committee oversees free speech activities on campus

- h. ALC – Affordable Learning – faculty stipends available for faculty who are considering converting course so textbook; email oer @tamucc.edu; call for proposals ends Oct 13
- i. Student Success – closing previous initiative, new initiative for next academic year, will need sub to attend meetings (3;30 one Monday /month)
- j. LMS – switching to canvas, has not been officially announced, contract signed last week with Canvas, official announcement to come soon with details, spring training, soft roll out summer, full out in fall 24, will be a person to work on transitioning courses from BB to Canvas; BB will be available for another year; Speaker will invite speaker for next meeting

8. For the good of the Order

- a. CCSO Sept 23, concets 25-27

9. Motion for adjournment: Senator Rao, all approved. Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Cathy Harrel

Secretary Faculty Senate

University committee assignments for FS:

Affordable Learning Tools Committee	Deniz Gevrek
Campus Wellness Committee	Cathy Harrel
CPIRA	Mohamed Ahmed
Expressive Activities Committee	Dale Pattison
Graduate Council	Rosie Banda
Student Success Council	Brian Shelton
Undergraduate Council	Robin Johnson
University Technology Council	Jack Clampit

UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	Rabih Zeidan
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Faculty Affairs

- i. Isla Schuchs Carr- chair
- ii. Mohammed Ahmed
- iii. Rosie Banda
- iv. Jennifer Anderson
- v. Rabih Zeidan
- vi. Cathy Harrel
- vii. Zhaorui Li

Academic Affairs

- viii. Robin Johnson– chair
- ix. Alexa Hight
- x. Kevin Loeffler
- xi. CONHS (to complete term of M Benham Hutchins) Amy McClure
- xii. Val Murgulet
- xiii. Aref Mazloum
- xiv. Kim Withers
- xv. Deniz Gevrek

Awards, Bylaws & Elections

- xvi. George Tintera – chair
- xvii. Tianxing Chu
- xviii. Brian Shelton
- xix. Leigh Shaver
- xx. Jeannine Birdwell
- xxi. Jack Clampit

Budget

- xxii. Brian Shelton
- xxiii. Mohan Rao – chair
- xxiv. Rabih Zeidan
- xxv. Miguel Perez

Committee on Committees

- xxvi. Antonio Medrano

- xxvii. Val Murgalet
- xxviii. Dale Pattison- chair

Exec Committee

- xxix. Michelle Hollenbaugh
- xxx. Isla Schuchs Carr
- xxxi. Mohan Rao
- xxxii. Robin Johnson
- xxxiii. Cathy Harrel
- xxxiv. Jennifer Anderson
- xxxv. Dale Pattison
- xxxvi. George Tintera