

Faculty Senate (FS) Minutes
Spring Semester, Meeting # 3
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Virtual Meeting, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

As approved by the Faculty Senate on March 10, 2021

Attending:

Stan Alluisi	Kay Daigle	Kendra Ingram
Dan Althoff	Rolando Diaz	Andy Kramer
Laura Atchley	Diane Dixon	Chauehyun Lee
Kathy Boothe	Carolyn Fridley	Kate Shannon
Randy Clark	William Fridley	Matthew Sparacio
Meg Cotter-Lynch	Amy Gantt	Doug Wood

Not Attending:

Michael Gaffney	Karen Maple	Hallie Stephens
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Guests:

Aaron Adair	Sondra Petty	Alisha Ridenour
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- I. Call to Order
 - A. 3:00 p.m. CST

- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. [Minutes from February 10, 2021](#)
 - a. Motion to approve - Chair Clark
 - b. Second – Senator Dixon
 - c. Discussion – once change: p. 4 Change to “if it is”
 - d. Vote to approve: Yes - 16 ; No 0 ; Abstaining 0 .

- III. Treasurer’s Report: Nothing to report

- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget Committee
 - a. Did meet to discuss and update the wording on the [follow up recommendation](#) to the [FS’s salary proposal](#) that the Executive Committee forwarded to President Newsom on February 18. A copy of this recommendation was provided to Senators prior to today’s meeting.
 - b. Discussion: President Clark thanked the committee for their work on the document.
 - B. Committee on Committees
 - a. Did not meet, no report.

- C. Executive Committee –
 - a. Met on 2/22/2021. A copy of the [Meeting Notes](#) was provided to Senators for today’s meeting.
 - b. Chair Clark encouraged Senators to read through them and to offer any questions. President Clark did thank the Budget Committee again for their work on the document regarding faculty compensation/stipends.
 - c. Comments/Questions:
 - i. Senator Fridley commended Chair Clark for his leadership and Senator Shannon for the content of report. Impressions of the Executive Committee are that the meeting went well.
- D. Personnel Policies
 - a. Did not meet, no report
- E. Planning Committee
 - a. Met via email. Sent out emails to nominees requesting supporting documentation, that is due next week (3/4). Chair Boothe has an email to go out to the Lifetime Achievement Award soon.
 - b. President Clark asked about notification emails regarding Dropbox changes related to the submission process.
 - c. Questions/Comments
 - i. Senator Fridley thanked Dr. Boothe for her service and shared that her first book has been published by the Council for Exceptional Children, *A Case Study Approach to Writing Individualize Special Education Documents: From Preschool to Graduation*. Congratulations Dr. Boothe!
- F. University Affairs Committee
 - a. Did not meet.
 - b. Chair Diaz asked the Senators if they have questions regarding the survey that went out about vaccinations. He would like to know if there are plans to provide vaccinations to faculty.
 - i. Senator Daigle said that the Chairs (in the chairs’ meeting) just got some information today about vaccinations. She noted that they have to be careful not to overstep the priority guidelines for the state, but they are thinking about creating a vaccination “pod”.
 - ii. Chair Diaz asked: “Is this something the university affairs committee should ask about?”
 - iii. Senator Cotter-Lynch asked, “Will faculty living in Texas be able to get vaccines?”
 - iv. Chair Diaz inquired about process for developing a proposal. Chair Clark stated that the University Affairs Committee move forward with a motion to provide vaccinations when it is possible.
 - v. Senator Wood offered insights regarding residency requirements.
 - vi. Senator Cotter-Lynch states that it seems to be a flexible, state-by -state decision.

- c. Senator Cotter-Lynch inquired if there could be a university vaccination clinic that would also be able to serve out of state students and faculty. She offered it could be argued that it would help the community to vaccinate the community. She offered that we might suggest that “as soon as it is practical and legal, we would like the university to provide a vaccination clinic to faculty, staff, and students.”
- d. Guest Alisha Ridenour suggested that a vaccine clinic could be modelled after what Durant Public Schools approach; they gave vaccinations to Texas faculty, too.
- e. Chair Diaz requested that Senators email questions and comments so that he has the information to assemble a proposal/request.

V. Old Business – None

- VI. New Business – None. Chair Clark did share that he intends to discuss PTR Review in the next Faculty Senate Meeting and shared that the timeline needs to be reviewed. The Executive Committee will review the timeline prior to the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Question – Senator Dixon asked if we will have only one Shared Governance Forum for the Spring Semester. President Clark responded in the affirmative and noted that this included in the [notes from the Executive Committee Meeting on 2/22/2021](#).

VII. Announcements

Commencement – There will be 3 ceremonies for Spring. President Clark asked Senators to solicit questions from faculty. President Clark shared that the three ceremonies would be held outside. Senator Cotter-Lynch shared the date of May 8th from the academic calendar. Senator Daigle asked if there is any other information from VPAA Golden. Chair Clark relayed that details are still being worked out.

Senator Shannon pointed out that Academic Affairs had extended the timeline to submit grades for the first term course to Thursday March 4th and asked if it was clear that this should be extended to students. Several Senators commented that they extended the timeline for student word submissions as well.

Senator Dixon offered insight into the March 4th date, pointing out that Friday (3/5) is the last day to add a course for the second term. She suggested that students might want to know their grade before they had to decide about enrollment for the second term.

Senator Sparacio asked a question: For those faculty members on the tenure clock, has there been an extension to allow more time for research activities?

- Chair Clark took note of the question and stated that he would address it.
- Senator Dixon mentioned that VPAA Golden discussed this in the chairs' meeting in a general way.
- Senator Cotter-Lynch suggested that there should be a universal response to those who request an extra year and that the request should be accommodated. For example, if faculty would like an extra year, they could fill out this form. She asserted, "We need a universal policy on this."
- Senator Alluisi, pointed out that RUSO policy accommodates new faculty through year 7.
- Chair Clark stated that he would draft a resolution on the issue so that the Faculty Senate can make their position on the matter known.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

1. Motion Senator Alluisi
2. Second – Senator _____
3. Motion

Minutes respectfully submitted by Senator Kate Shannon, Recorder