

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

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Previous Minutes

Holland moves to approve, seconded by Leitch. Minutes were approved.

Medlock chairing meeting

Texas Council of Faculty Senates (TCFS) meeting report

General feeling from the meeting was that WT COVID response is in the middle as to transparency, etc.

Please think about AAUP membership possibly for next meeting.

Wendler will be guest for next meeting.

Craig: suggest Handbook committee visit issue of specifying quorum offline and report on it for next meeting.

Plan to meet committees via Zoom breakout

Discussion on faculty development leave:

- Can administration say “no” to faculty development leave? Last year the call went out really late—need deadline before new year. We need to not just accept that there is not funding for this. We need to include the deans in the discussion. We should accept applications and sent them forward.
- Medlock: will discuss with Babb,etc.
- Is there a good reason not to accept applications for this? There should be a campus-wide call for applications and we should accept them. Number of slots is set by state, but money is not “extra”.
- Medlock: How to facilitate?
- Faculty senate need to know what the deadline is

Clark: Moves that faculty development applications should be submitted to Senate by January 15. Holland seconded.

Vote passes unanimous (22 votes–1 abstention)

Senator: would like to know if it will be funded.

Other new business:

Faculty should have comprehensive peer review notification by now, will make committees.

Medlock: propose to adjourn to break out rooms.

Rausch: will have some info from library to send to all senators for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn to committees: King, seconded Butler.

Senate adjourned to committees via Zoom breakout rooms.