
Faculty Senate Minutes

April 28, 2023

Attended: Pinkham, Ashley; Yarbrough, Jason; Hoffmann, Eric; Abrose, Bill; Bang, Brandon; Brooks, Mary Liz; Brown, Trisha; Correa, Priscella; Crosman, Eric; Denton, Kenneth; Ghosh, Nabarun; Hisek, Callie; Humphreys, Sean; Issa, Roy; Leitch, Ken; Manfredi, Guglielmo; McCauley, Kelly; Price, Blake; Ramos Salazar, Leslie; Reardon, Matt; Smith, Bob; Spencer, Brian; Tarpley, Troy; Unnikrishnan, Vinu; Whaley, Brigitte

Absent:

Guest(s):

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by President Ashley Pinkham. The minutes from 4/14 and 4/5 were considered for approval from the previous meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from 4/5: Motion to approve: Leach, Second: Whaley

Motion to approve minutes from 4/14: Motion to approve: Price, Second: Denton

CURRENT BUSINESS

• Reports from Faculty Senate committees

- Handbook Committee: Yarbrough says there only needs to be some minor linguistic changes on the previous proposal that was submitted.
- Joint Student-Faculty Committee on Academic Affairs: Crosman says that he plans to meet with the new Student Senate president.

• Update on No Confidence Vote

Dr. Pinkham gave an overview of the aftermath of the no confidence vote and some of the media coverage that it got.

Dr. Tarpley moves that Faculty Senate drafts a response to Dr. Wendler's response to the no confidence vote. Meljac seconds the response.

In Favor: 11, Against: 5, Abstain: 4. The vote passes.

An ad hoc Zoom meeting to discuss this has been setup for Tuesday.

New Business

- **Annual Evaluation of Administrators:** Senate is apparently supposed to conduct the annual evaluation of administrators, but the proper information was not available to do them at the current time.
- **Committee Elections:**
 - *Alcohol and other drugs.* Elected: Sanjoy Bhattacharia, Joel Denney, Elizabeth Rogers
 - *Curriculum committee.* Elected: Ashley Pinkham
 - *Developmental Education Committee.* Elected: Matt Reardon
 - *Faculty Development committee.* Elected: Turkan Kilic, Kenneth Denton, Amy Clifton, Priscella Correa
 - *Grievance Committee (Student).* Elected: Bruce Brasington
 - *Guest Artist:* Elected: Kelly McCauley
 - *Honors Council:* Elected: Christopher Baird, Oscar Solis, Ken Leitch, Hee Young Kim, Gene Farren
 - *Instructional Technology Committee:* Elected: Jae Kyun Yoo, Brigitte Whaley, Monica Hart
 - *Intercollegiate Athletic Council:* Elected: Jason Yarbrough, Masoumeh Ozmaeian
 - *LBK Student Center Advisory Committee:* Elected: Chelsey Ball
 - *Parking Committee:* Elected: Maha Shrestha, Dave Howe, Swastika Bithi, Joel Denney, Randy Ray, Trisha Brown
 - *Prestigious Scholarship Selection Committee:* Elected: Sarah Sprouse
 - *Sick Leave Pool Review Committee:* Elected: Kim Bruce
 - *Student Endowment Scholarship Committee:* Elected: Peyton Goldie, Eric McKee, Emad Manla, Sohee Kim, Li Chen, Lee Doherty
 - *Student Honors Committee:* Elected: Vinu Unnikrishnan, Nichole Kraus, Trisha Brown

- *Traffic Appeals Committee*: Elected: Alternate: Andrew Lee, Primary: Eric Meljac
- *Undergraduate Admissions Appeal Committee*: Elected: Michelle Bartlett, Buddy Hooper
- *University Library Committee*: Elected: Nika Qiao

Upcoming Dates:

- 05/05: Faculty Senate Executive committee elections, 10am on Zoom
- 05/05: Faculty Senate Appreciation Lunch, from 12-1:30 pm. RSVP to rsvp@wtamu.edu

Open Discussion/Comments:

Round of applause for President Pinkham.

Motion to adjourn: Denton, Second: Reardon

Respectfully,

Eric Hoffmann