

## **WTAMU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

### **March 21, 2025**

**Attended:** Kenneth Leitch, Nancy Garcia-Franken, Fisseha Alemayehu, Brandon Bang, Kristy Bartlett, Leon Chen, Traci Fredman, Bridget Guerrero, David Hart, Callie Hisek, David Howe, Turkan Kilic, Chelsea Kuehler, Audrey Meador, Blake Price, Matt Reardon, Jim Rogers, Laura Reyher, Brandli Stitzel, Shiquan Tao, Vinu Unnikrishnan, Kerrie Young

**Absent:** Gary Byrd, David Craig, Shanna Peeples, John Shanks (Proxy: Guglielmo Manfredi)

The regular meeting of the West Texas A&M Faculty Senate on Mar. 21, 2025, was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Kenneth Leitch in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center's Eternal Flame room.

### **Approval of Prior Meetings**

The minutes for the regular meeting on Mar. 7, 2025, were reviewed. Bridget Guerrero moved to approve the minutes without corrections. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Officer's Reports and Remarks**

#### *President*

1. University Council Meeting on Tues. Mar. 18, 2025.
  - a. The quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is in process.
  - b. Student retention is up.
2. Contacted Provost on CPE process and notified committees: plan to get letters to Provost by Apr. 01.
3. Meeting with Dr. Wendler Thu. Mar. 20.
4. Magister Optimus nominee sent to Dr. Terry.
5. Faculty Ombuds Officer: no appeals yet this academic year.

#### *President-Elect*

No new business to report.

#### *Secretary*

No new business to report.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Faculty Handbook Committee*

No new business to report.

#### *Joint Faculty/Student Committee on Academic Affairs*

No new business to report.

#### *Equity Pay Ad Hoc Committee*

No new business to report.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Office of Student Accessibility (OSA) requested to speak to the next Faculty Senate about implementing a new system.
2. Faculty Senate Suggestion Box (no new entries).
3. Chelsea Kuehler: LibQual survey open Mar. 17-23.
4. Faculty Evaluation of Administrators.
  - a. Sent Feb. 24; reminders will be sent through May 5.
  - b. There was an issue with 23 of 332 faculty not getting the survey; it will be opened to them on May 5 for one week (likely scenario due to problems from Qualtrics).
5. Comprehensive Peer Evaluation (CPE): in the process, folders went to committees on Mar. 3. The intent is to finish by April 1, as per the Faculty Handbook.
6. Staggering Faculty Senate terms so that ~1/3 of Senators are replaced at the end of April each year <https://www.wtamu.edu/academics/faculty-senate/>.
  - a. Ending 30 April 2025: 7 currently.
  - b. Ending 30 April 2026: 3 currently.
  - c. Ending 30 April 2027: 16 currently.
7. Most of the university committee vacancies were filled during the meeting. The rest of the positions will be filled in upcoming meetings.

### **New Business**

We will inquire about sending the Dean's Council minutes to all faculty.

### **Upcoming for 2025 Spring**

1. President Wendler: 18 Apr 2025 (10 a.m. start)
2. Arrange for Faculty Senate elections: alert your administrators and get the dates for departmental and/or college meetings so that Faculty Senators can be deployed to oversee the voting.
1. New Faculty Senate meeting: May 2025

### **Adjournment**

Callie Hisek moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully,

Nancy García-Franken