

Faculty Senate Minutes (DRAFT)

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Elections

Reminder that we have informally adopted elect-system, this election will still be held under previous rules. Elections will be dead day.

Previous minutes

Curl move to accept the previous minutes, Leitch seconds. Minutes were accepted.

Faculty senate website

Babb asked Rausch about status of website. Transfer seems to be proceeding, there have been some problems, but lots of progress has been made. At moment don't think we need to ask for help from administration.

COVID survey results

Butler: we are including comment on the time frame when the survey was open, have some preface materials.

Butler showed draft of report on screen via Zoom.

Babb: Would like for Senate to accept this as the committee's report on the survey.

Farren: Moves to accept report, Tyrer seconds. Ask for abstentions or objections: there were none. Motion passed.

Butler: if there are any questions we do have data in a OneDrive archive.

Wendler memo

Babb: Summary of comments has been communicated to Wendler, he was not interested in the raw data.

Bookstore Feedback

Babb will collate and report to Rikel. Recommend next senate follow up with Rikel in Fall. Please send any loose ends on this to Babb today and will complete over weekend. Any questions on bookstore topic?

Crosman: We should also touch base with King because student government is also doing a survey on this.

College elections

Know about elections from FAH, ANS (29th), COB. So far all are Zoom meetings except COB will do via Qualtrics.

May need to clarify language on that a department just needs a reasonable method and senate is oversight for elections.

Babb: COE? Leitch: would be online, discussing time.

Babb: NHS? Unknown.

COESS? Garcia: planning elections in August.

Medlock: The language in handbook is that terms start on first day of May.

Garcia: Open to electronic elections, etc., so should be able to talk to Dean.

Babb: Yield to college expectations on expiration, etc. May be all new slates for COB and COESS. Would be ideal to have elections by dead day.

Rausch: Library is planning on scheduling elections and format for library.

Crosman: Election may be right on dead-day.

President elect system:

Medlock: will have election for President, and the elected VP will be President-elect. Will be ordinary election. Plan in February to ask faculty to approve process.

Babb: Any comments?

Medlock: Senators need to communicate to successors on issue.

Leitch: Many professional societies use this model. Babb agrees that idea came from his experience with Texas Council of Faculty Senates, which has this sort of system.

Medlock: This system means less of a surprise for incoming person, more participation ahead of service as president.

Magister Optimus

Call for nominations

Ramos-Salazar: COB: Dr. James Owens of Finance

Tarpley: ANS: Dr. Lance Keith

Dr. Lance Keith was chosen as Magister Optimus via secret ballot on Google form.

Committee assignments.

Input:

*The following are names brought forth by members for possible University committee choices.
Actual selection to be in next meeting*

Tyrer:

Faculty Grievance: Ryan Brooks
Marketing: Daniel Helbert
University Library: Matthew Harrison
Guest Artist: E Meljac

Leitch: Leitch for Info Technology

Behl:

Academic Appeals: Garcia
Grievance (faculty): Laura Bell
Code Student life: Behl
Freshman Convocation: Ashley Pinkham
Grievance (student): Henderson
Guest Artist: Peeples
Intercollegiate athletics: M. Simmons

Macaulay:

Grievance (Faculty): D. Rausch
Information Technology: Ming Xie

Kwan:(ESS)

Alcohol: Kenneth
Code of Student Life: Nikki Kraus
Grievance (student): Alison Morgan
Athletic Council: DeJong

Clark: (FAH)

Alcohol: J Stuntz
Instructional Technology: Stuntz
Honors: W Shaffer, Ingrassia
Library: Ingrassia
Faculty Handbook: W Shaffer
???: P Clark

Tarpley (ANS):

Faculty Development: L Kieth, T Robertson, and S Eades
Faculty Emeritus: Ty Lawrence, Lal Almas, and John Pipkin
Freshman Convocation: Bridget Guerrero
Grievance (Faculty): Lance Baker
Student Grievance: C. Bednarz
IT advisory: Marty Rhoades

IT committee: Mallory Vestal
Intercollegiate Athletic Council: T Robertson
S Endowment Scholarships: L Keith and J Pipkin
University Library: Lal Almas and BJ Newcomer

Gene Farren:
Henson Activities: Blake Price
Intercollegiate Athletic: Blake Price
Faculty Emeritus: Michelle Bartlett

Hwang:
Distinguished Lecture: ???
Faculty Development: L Lightfoot

FAH:
Information Technology: J Barger

Garcia:
Fac Emeritus: Shanna Peeples

Engineering:
Grievance Student: Roy Issa
Intercollegiate Athletics: Gill

College of Business:
Grievance Committee Student: L Ramos-Salazar

Library representation

Rausch: On Librarians' participation in administrator evaluation survey: Haven't had opportunity to do since this went electronic. Informal talk with Hampton was that Library was not normally included in survey, Institutional Research wouldn't have had time to recode the survey for library participation.

Library wants to participate more fully, where library members are able.

Babb: This is an open question of library's status. Both are under academic affairs. At end of Shaffer's term, the question bubbled up of whether librarians are faculty.

Babb: Really need to emphasize this needs to be aired and is a recurring issue.

Wendler visit next time

Send questions if you feel the need for them to be asked by the president.

New Business

Garcia: There is an issue from Examity proctoring service with a privacy issue. Examity is asking student to show camera all around, student is refusing for privacy concerns.

Babb: Likely this doesn't get full consideration until next year, executive committee may be able to work on it over summer.

Garcia: May be a request for next time.

Erick Butler: Noticing students opting to complete classes online. Noticing performance going down in hy-flex, students opting to just go online.

(Many senators concur in chat)

Babb: don't know if this will continue. But it was shared with Wendler.

Babb: Be aware there will be a longer meeting with University committee choices next time.

Rausch: Move to adjourn, seconded.

Meeting adjourned