

Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024 / Bayou 1313 & Teams / 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Senators

Present: Anne Anders, Jennifer Arney Cuevas, Sheila Baker, Yvette Bendeck, Nelson Carter, Stephen Cotten, Neal Dugre, Kathleen Garland, Anne Gessler, Michelle Giles, Jennifer Grace, Charitha Hettiarachchi, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Daniel Imrecke, Lorie Jacobs, Vanessa Johnson, Nicholas Kelling, Renée Lastrapes, Yingfu Li, Queinnise Miller, Zack Mustafae, Alfredo Perez-Davila, Ivelina Pavlova-Stout, Roberta Raymond, Leroy Robinson, Gene Shan, Lisa Sublett, Ishaq Unwala, L. Jean Walker, Christine Walther, Omah Williams-Duncan, Se-Hyoung Yi

Absent: 3

Administrative Guests: Ipek Bozkurt, David Brittain, Laquala Dixon, David Garrison, LeeBrian Gaskins, Dana Gazda, Allison Gillespie, Lee Hilyer, Jennifer Irvin, Christopher Maynard, Marci McMahon, Yolanda Nimmer-Williams, Veronica Ortiz, Joan Pedro, Matthew Perry, Shreerekha Pillai, Tina Powellson, Glenn Sanford, Terry Sheppard, Porcha Stampley, Richard Walker

Next meeting: February 5, 2025 / Bayou 1313 & Teams / 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Dr. Lastrapes

1:00

Approval of Faculty Senate minutes – Dr. Lastrapes

Minutes approved with corrected meeting dates.

Provost's Office Report – Dr. Maynard

BS Engineering – official confirmation has been given by the Coordinating Board, pending SASCOC accreditation

Adobe – updates on Adobe licensing covering issues, timelines, and additional benefits, including addition access and reduce cost was shared. Questions and discussions about licensing issues occurred.

Legislative Session – updates on proposed House Bills and Senate Bills that are being filed was provided.

Questions and discussions about grade rosters not populated with possible work arounds and annual report updated structure and possible advocacy occurred.

Academic Honesty – Mr. Perry

A brief overview of the academic honesty policy, web location, checklist, various software being utilized, what to expect in the process, and trends that the Dean of Students is seeing and how they are interpreting these new trends.

Questions and discussions on the hearing process, rationale, appeals, amount of work on faculty, and instances where faculty do not want to go through the process occurred.

Committee Reports are attached. There was discussion about the committee reports as follows:

Senate Committee Report – Faculty Life – Dr. Imrecke

Dr. Cotten was thanked for leading the committee in Dr. Imrecke's absence.

A review of the Faculty Dismissal Policy was provided. Questions and discussion on language clarification, additions to the policy, goals, typos, impact, retirement affects, order of termination, and committee vs hearing panel occurred.

Faculty Dismissal Policy

Vote: 27 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Senate Committee Report – Teaching & Research – Dr. Walther

A review of the ORSP Policy was provided. Questions and discussion on policy numbering, not including Non-Tenured track, waiting for the new ORSP VP to weigh in on the policy, going through ORSP for grants that do not need to go through ORSP occurred.

ORSP Administration Policy

Vote: 25 Yea; 1 Nay; 0 Abstain

A review of the AI syllabus language was provided. Discussion on goals, timelines, and next steps occurred.

Senate Committee Report – Budget & Facilities – Dr. Dugre

A review of the report was provided. No questions were asked.

Senate Committee Report – Curriculum – Dr. Huss-Keeler for Dr. Baker

A review of the Discontinuance Policy was provided. Discussion over the language, process, and updates occurred.

Discontinuance Policy

Vote: 25 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain with edits

Certificate in Project Management and Technical Leadership – The rationale, need, and review of the courses, and timeline for the undergraduate certificate housed in CSE was provided. Questions and discussions on required courses, available faculty to teach the courses, course modality, timeline to obtain the certificate, hours for certificate, existing minors, and the difference between the minor from the certificate occurred.

Motion to table until February

Senate Committee Report – Governance – Dr. Cotten

Nothing to add to the report. No questions were asked.

Shared Governance Reports – Drs. Gessler, Huss-Keeler, and Kelling

- University Life – Dr. Gessler

Nothing to add to the report. No questions were asked.

- Facilities & Support Services – Dr. Huss-Keeler

Nothing to add to the report. No questions were asked.

- Planning and Budget – Dr. N. Kelling

Nothing to add to the report. No questions were asked.

Center for Faculty Development – Dr. McMahon

Instructional Innovation Award Submissions due Friday December 13th

Early Career Award Nominations (self-nominations encouraged) are due Friday January 10th

CFD Fall Writing Retreat – Wednesday-Thursday 12/11-12/24 from 9am-4pm, in person and online.

Destressing activities – occurring during the Writing Retreat

Faculty Development Week – February 3-7, a call for presentations and posters submissions will be due 1/13/25.

Everyone is encouraged to review the CFD newsletter and upcoming Provost announcement for further details.

New Business – Dr. Lastrapes

No new business

Call for Adjournment – Dr. Lastrapes

3:00