

Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022 / Zoom or B2311 / 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Senators

Present: Anne Anders, Comeka Anderson Diaz, Elizabeth Beavers, Amber Brown, Sarah Costello, Anton Dubrovskiy Neal Dugre, Kathleen Garland, Leslie Gauna-Gago, Shanna Graves, Youssef Hamidi, Beth Hentges, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Daniel Imrecke, Preeti Jain, , Angela Kelling, Anna Klyueva, Timothy Michael, Jordan Mitchell, Jeff Mountain, Janice Newsum, Alfredo Perez-Davila, Leroy Robinson, Haeyoung Shin, Ishaq Unwala, , Christine Walther, Paul Withey, Randy Seevers, Faiza Zalila,

Absent: 5

Administrative Guests: Robert Bartsch, Mark Denney, David Garrison, LeeBrian Gaskins, Samuel Gladden, Heather Kanenberg, Kathryn Matthew, Christopher Maynard, Vivienne McClendon, Veronica Ortiz, Joan Pedro, Tim Richardson, Glenn Sanford, Porcha Stampley, Gautam Taneja, Troy Voelker, Richard Walker, Jana Willis

Next meeting: May 4, 2022 / Zoom or B2311

Call to Order – Dr. Withey

1:02

Approval of Faculty Senate minutes – Dr. Withey

Minutes approved as written.

Vote: 27 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Provost's Office Report – Dr. Maynard

A review of the SACCOCS onsite visit was provided. The onsite virtual visit resulted in four recommendations which included faculty qualifications, demonstrating broad base support and develop a marketing plan for the QEP, and clearly define an assessment plan for the QEP. A follow up visit will be held in person in the spring.

Questions and discussion occurred about the report and possible steps forward.

Office of Information Technology Update – Dr. Gaskins

An overview and rational was provided on the computer replacements purchased with HEERF funds.

A breakdown of the classroom technology upgrades was provided which included funding resources and status of classrooms.

UH System ISO (Information Security Officer) – Gautam Taneja presented information on items being discussed in the system that will affect UHCL. He also discussed ways to obtain Admin access to computer resources, Data Classification, Information Security Hosted Services Contract Checklist, and TX-Ramp Certification

Discussion, questions and concerns occurred about the changes and how they affect faculty access.

[Committee Reports are attached.](#) There was discussion about the committee reports as follows:

Senate Committee Report – Curriculum – Dr. Huss-Keeler

Minor in Business Startup

Dr. Voelker provided information on the rationale, learning outcomes, and affects to other colleges for the proposed minor. No questions were asked.

Vote: 25 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Credit-Bearing Certificate Policy

An overview of the policy, history and future steps was provided before the vote. Discussion about the policy occurred.

Vote: 26 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Revised Latin Honors Policy

Dr. Michael provided information on the history, policy, and recommended changes to the policy. Discussion on the policy occurred.

Vote: 27 Yea; 0 Nay; 1 Abstain

Senate Committee Report – Teaching & Research – Dr. Dubrovskiy

A review of the updates from the last Faculty Senate meeting on the Course Evaluations and Peer Evaluation Recommendations was provided. Discussion on cross-listed graduated courses occurred.

A Friendly Amendment to include the same verbiage for graduate level cross-listed courses.

Vote: Yea; Nay; Abstain approved with amendment

Senate Committee Report – Governance – Dr. Beavers

The Faculty Handbook Reorganization recommendations was provided. It was noted that input was obtained from all faculty via Qualtrics.

Vote: 24 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Senate Committee Report – Budget & Facilities – Dr. Unwala

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

Senate Committee Report – Faculty Life – Dr. Costello

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

Shared Governance Reports – Drs. Bendeck, Michael, & Garland

- University Life – Dr. Garland

The committee has been looking at the bylaws. No questions were asked.

- Facilities & Support Services – Dr. Dugre

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

- Planning and Budget – Dr. Michael

A review of the report was provided. Discussion occurred on the rationale why faculty positions are not listed in the budget initiatives.

Center for Faculty Development – Robert Bartsch

The Center will be hosting a 3 session.

Barriers and Solutions for UHCL Latinx Students as Study Abroad Participants with Dr. Maria Curtis and Georgina Moreno on Monday, April 11 from 11-12 in Zoom and in person (B1215)

SoTL Community of Practice – Ethics in SoTL research on Wednesday, April 13 from 10-11 on Zoom

Writing Retreat on May 11th and 12th, online and face to face

New Business

No new business

Announcements – Dr. Withey

Nominations for President elect have been closed. The nominees are Cotton, Daniel Imrecke, Renee Lastrapes.

Colleges will be holding elections for Faculty Senate Senators.

Anton and Becky will be representing FS at the Texas Council of Faculty Senate meeting this week.

Mr. Denney requested a point of consideration. He requested that elections be held in the spring to streamline the course releases for the chairs of the committees. Discussion about the request occurred.

Call for Adjournment – Dr. Withey

2:57

UHCL Faculty Senate
Committee Reports – April 2022

Faculty Senate Committees

Budget & Facilities Committee – Ishaq Unwala, Chair

- Met Apr 1, reviewed and discussed a rough draft of the Faculty Pay policy
- Some decisions were made on what to include and not to include in the pay policy

Curriculum Committee – Becky Huss-Keeler, Chair

- Bringing forward three items for the April Senate meeting:
 - Vote on the UHCL Credit Bearing Certificate Policy (we had the first read last time)
 - Vote on the Business Start Up Minor from COB
 - First Read of Latin Honors Policy Revision

Faculty Life Committee – Sarah Costello, Chair

- Workload policy passed Academic Council, and will be on the agenda for the April University Council meeting.
- Sent a draft of a revised “Non-Tenure Track Academic Appointments and Promotions” policy to the Deans for their feedback.

Teaching & Research Committee – Anton Dubrovskiy, Chair

- TRC is finalizing a set of recommendations on course evaluations and peer evaluation of teaching.
- TRC is also analyzing current evaluation questions from all four Colleges and any suggested questions received.

Governance Committee – Elizabeth Beavers, Chair

- The Governance committee met on February 3 and Feb. 24 to discuss recommendations for restructuring and reformatting the Faculty Handbook. It was decided we will present recommendations along with supporting documents for initial discussion and feedback at the March meeting. Following input from senators on the draft recommendations, we will consider any necessary changes to the recommendations at our next committee meeting.
- It should be emphasized, the committee is not rewriting the Faculty Handbook, rather we offer a plan, in the form of recommendations, to improve the current handbook in terms of organization and accessibility

Shared Governance Committees

The University Life Committee - Kathy Garland, Chair

- Pocket prairie proposal passed University Council.
- We have nothing currently pending

Facilities & Support Services Committee – Yvette Bendeck, Chair

- Decision to forward the Strategic Enrollment Management request proposal to University Council without an approval recommendation, and to highlight the concerns raised following an in-depth review and discussion of the proposal by SAUS and FSSC.
- Endorsement of the Pocket Prairie project approved by University Life Council and University Council.
- Initial discussion on a bicycle ride share proposal for campus (a SGA initiative). Results of a needs survey will be shared with FSSC in our upcoming meeting. The proposal does require some investment on the part of the university including:
 - station and bike capital costs
 - usage of space on campus (no more than 500 sq feet) for a bicycle repair shop
 - student workers that would maintain and help repair the bicycles
 - Houston BCycle is a non-profit organization would:
 - provide technical support
 - training
 - bike repair tools and equipment
 - UH and UHD provide these services on campus

Planning & Budget Committee – Tim Michael, Chair

- PBC will be meeting 4/5 to review budget requests for FY23 and we will forward our recommendations to University Council for this month's meeting
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