



Texas Southern University Faculty Senate



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FACULTY ASSEMBLY/SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 7th, 2015, 3:00 pm
Hannah Hall, Room 129

Senator Members Chair & Vice Chair

Dr. Rasoul Saneifard (Chair) College of Science and Technology
Dr. Vera Hawkins (Vice Chair) School of Communication

Senate Members Present

Cavil, J. Kenyatta	Senator Secretary, College of Education
Georges-Abeyie, Daniel	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Hill, Cassandra	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Holmes, Roderick	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Khosrovani, Masoomah	Senator, School of Communication
Mosley, Erma Dianne	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Sciences
Perkins, Carlton	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Sleem, Aladdin	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Smith, Jacqueline	Senator, College of Education
Tymczak, Christopher J.	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Sen, Lalita	Senator Treasurer, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Woldie, Mammo	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business

Senate Members/Colleges Absent

Akpaffiong, Macaulay	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Anadu Ndefo, Uche	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Bloom, Collette M.	Senator, College of Education
Ojode, Lucy	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Owens, Emiel	Senator Parliamentarian, College of Education
Saha-Gupta, Nina	Senator Editor Faculty Speaks, College of Education
Solitare, Laura	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Yousefipour, Zivar	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Science
Zeitler, Michael	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Science
Zidaru, Lucian	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Sciences

Senate Members/Not Present (Alternative Representative)

Broussard, Shanna	College of Education
Chilakamari, Kiran	Senator, The Graduate School
Carrington, McKen	TM School of Law - (Faculty Senate General Council)

Guest from Faculty Assembly or University

Wu, Edieth Thurgood Marshall School of Law



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Perez-Feliciano, L.
Ibitayo, O.
Gilbert, Sharlette
Ward, James

Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
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Provost

Call to Order

C = Comments, R = Response, and Q = Question

Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the May 2015 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:12pm on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

Approval of the 2 of April 2015 Senate Meeting Minute

The minutes from April 2, 2015 were reviewed. A motion was made by Senator Aladdin Sleem and seconded by Senator Roderick Holmes as subject of any modification sent by emails to Senator Secretary Kenyatta Cavil.

Announcement

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Commented on welcoming the newly elected executive senate officers.

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Commented on the passing of Faculty Senator, Kiran Chilakamari. Discussed the idea of a memorial service on campus whether in the college or through the faculty senate.

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Commented on the Mrs. Provost that managed the election process. Mrs. Provost did not charge for services. Recommended a plaque of service and gratitude from the faculty senate/assembly and university.

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Commented that Provost Ward would join the meeting around 3:30pm.

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Commented on Board of Regents had a full docket and the faculty senate leadership was provided three minutes to address the Board of Regents. The three minute dialogue provided information on the lack of dialogue among the faculty senate/assembly and the administrative unit.

New Business

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Senator Lalita Sen moved for approval by the faculty senate for a memorial service for our colleague, Senator, Kiran Chilakamari. The motion was seconded by Senator Lucian Zidaru.

Motion carries unanimously



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R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Senator Mammo Woldie moved for a plaque of service and gratitude for Mrs. Provost for her service on the election. The motion was seconded by Senator Aladdin Sleem.

Motion carries unanimously

R: Senator Erma Dianne Mosely: Ask the question, should we take this issue of the financial compensation of the Faculty Senate Officers to the faculty assembly to vote on adding bylaws to the Faculty Senate Manual?

Discussion by several faculty senators, no resolution

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Welcomes Provost James Ward

R: Provost James Ward: Comments first “Thank You to the faculty senators for serving. “

- 1) An issue was the number of moving parts, but the ability to pull it all together and get needed answer.

Solutions: Creating greater levels of efficiency

- 2) An issue was the academic efficiency was broken (i.e. Students had difficulty moving through progression to degree).

Solutions: Creating greater levels of efficiency

- 3) An issue was many of the individuals dedicated to serving students really did not like serving students .

Solutions: Restating the academic mission. Note: We are an urban serving institution

R: Provost James Ward: Comments moving forward, I will establish a new team for moving forward.

- 4) An issue was workload policy and then the need for faculty pushing for overload policy

Solutions: Revisit both policies

Q: Senator Christopher J. Tymczak: Question the model for graduating students does not fit and students are often working.

R: Provost James Ward: The state model states six year graduation, it does not fit our student body. We have a crisis with education system in our community. We must tell our stories to the State of Texas legislative body.



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Solutions: Creating a one day education summit/program for solving such issues

R: Senator Mammo Woldie moved for course reduction and compensation for faculty speaks editor. The motion was seconded by Senator Aladdin Sleem.

Yes = 9
No = 1
Abstention = 1

Motion Carries

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Commented that a staff member asked for support for a summer program.

Discussion by several faculty senators, decided to revisit at another time the idea of creating a formal process for The Senate to give scholarship(s).

R: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Commented on the State of Texas House Bill #937 (Open Carry Law).

Discussion by several faculty senators, no resolution

R: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Moved to provide a letter to the administration to proactively review plans for creating a system of notification in course lecture halls regarding the State of Texas House Bill #937 (Open Carry Law). The motion was seconded by Senator Mammo Woldie.

Motion carries unanimously

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Commented on Interim Chairs in COSET who have served 2+ years and the fact that it is in the Faculty Manual that this is a violation. It is also a financial issue.

Old Business

N/A

Committee Reports

-Election Committee Report

The report was given by Dr. Sharlette Gilbert. Dr. Sharlette Gilbert stated her thanks to the committee for their service.



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Guest from Faculty Assembly Edieth Wu: Stated she also wanted to acknowledge the historical persistence set by Dr. Jackson in faculty senate process (i.e. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, and Editor of Faculty Speaks).

R: Senator Erma Dianne Mosely: Ask the question, what about the low turnout?

Several faculty senators stated various reason, no resolution at this time.

-Salary Analysis Reports from College

R: Senator Mammo Woldie: Stated the committee is still working on the report. No further update at this time.

Adjourn Meeting

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Ask for the question. Senator Mammo Woldie moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Senator Vera Hawkins.

Meeting Adjourned 5:17pm