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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 03, 2016
Hannah Hall, Room 111, 3:00 PM

Senator Members Chair & Vice Chair

Dr. Rasoul Saneifard College of Science, Engineering and Technology (Chair)
Dr. Edieth Wu Thurgood Marshall School of Law (Vice Chair)

Senate Members Present

Abobo, Cyril	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Anga, Ahunanya	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Asare, Nana	Senator, College of Education
Bell, Edward	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Brailey, Carla	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Griesinger, Nancy	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Hollomon, Mario	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Ibitayo, Olurominiyi	Senator Treasurer, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Jemison Pollard, Dianne	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Lancaster, Iris	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Perez-Feliciano, Luis	Senator Editor, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Perkins, Carlton	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Reynolds, Lacey	Senator, College of Education
Saneifard, Rasoul	Senator Chair, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Thoreson, Amy Claire	Senator, The Graduate School
Tymczak, Christopher J.	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Woldie, Mammo	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Wu, Edieth	Senator Vice Chair, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Yousefipour, Zivar	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Senate Members / Colleges Not in Attendance

Cavil, J. Kenyatta	Senator Secretary, College of Education
Lowe, Jeffrey	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Ojode, Lucy	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Regis, Humphrey	Senator, School of Communication
Walker-Hawkins, Vera	Senator Parliamentarian, School of Communication

Senate Counsel in Attendance

Walker, April Faculty Senate General Counsel, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Guest(s) from Faculty Assembly or University

Kazakos, Demetrios	Professor, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Sandifer-Walker, Serbino	Professor, School of Communication and SGA Publication Editor



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Wilson, Bobby

Interim Provost, Texas Southern University

Call to Order

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

Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the November 2016 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:07 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

Approval of the October 2016 Senate Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Senator Lucy Ojode to approve the minutes and seconded by Senator Christopher Tymczak. The motion carried as subject to suggested corrections and modifications.

Announcements

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced that because of the constraints on the overall university budget, the president has designated a freeze on all expenditures; such as holiday parties, travel, supplies, equipment and P-card purchases. Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard indicated that the Faculty Senate will honor the president's request as well, by suspending any plans for an annual Faculty Senate holiday celebration this year. He shared that the Office of the President will plan one holiday party inclusive of all colleges, schools and departments on campus.

New Business

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced that he received a request from the Student Government Association (SGA) to approve a faculty member to serve as the SGA Publication Editor for its newspaper. Prof. Serbino Sandifer-Walker, Professor in the School of Communication was nominated by SGA for this position. Senator Amy Thoreson moved to approve Prof. Serbino Sandifer-Walker's appointment as the new SGA Publication Editor and Senator Mammo Woldie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no opposing vote.



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C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced the Senate's interest in writing a letter of appreciation to Dr. McKen Carrington for his exemplary accomplishments as Faculty Senate General Counsel from 2012-2016.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Asked for two Faculty Senate members to participate on the committee to review bids for the new library construction. Senate Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil and Senator Carla Brailey both agreed to serve on this committee. Senator Carla Brailey shared that she has attended a pre-bidding meeting within the past week.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Affirmed that Senate elections must be completed by April 30, 2017. He asked for three Faculty Senate members to accept responsibility to serve on the election committee, which will be charged with designating a date to accept nominations, tally the nominations, rent voting machines from Harris County on the day of elections, and monitor the voting process. He added that all Senate positions are up for elections. Senator Iris Lancaster, Senator Mario Hollomon and Senator Luis Perez-Feliciano agreed to participate on the Faculty Senate Election Committee.

Discussion on floor by several Senators on nominating Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard on the next election ballot

C: Senator Luis Perez-Feliciano: Asked Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard, if he has plans to run for a third term.

R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Responded by quoting the Faculty Manual, which states that an officer cannot run more than two consecutive terms unless continued service is requested by the Assembly and it is subsequently confirmed by two-thirds vote of the Assembly members present at the election.

C: Several Senators: Discussed the voting process and the process for electing the Faculty Senate Chairperson for a third term. Several Senators announced that they are in support of nominating Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard on the ballot for the next election. Senator Mammo Woldie made a motion to place Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard's name on the ballot for the next election. Senator Luis Perez-Feliciano seconded the motion.



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R: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard excused himself from the meeting after asking Senate Vice Chair Edieth Wu to preside over the meeting.

C: Senate Vice Chair Edieth Wu: Opened the floor to allow for further, long discussions on this matter. She asked if anyone else was interested in running for this position, if so they are welcomed to do so and she explained the nomination process. Finally, she asked Senators for a vote on placing Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard's name on the ballot for the Spring 2017 elections. The motion carried unanimously with no opposing vote.

Guests

C: Professor Serbino Sandifer-Walker: Shared her background and experiences with mentoring students interested in publication and journalism.

C: Interim Provost Bobby Wilson: Explained his position in his new role as provost. He provided updates in academic affairs and shared future initiatives while he is in office. In addition, Interim Provost Bobby Wilson discussed the complex issues he is managing now as opposed to his previous experiences as interim provost over sixteen years ago. Furthermore, he shared updates on the immediate search for six new dean positions and he addressed several concerns raised by the faculty senators. Interim Provost Bobby Wilson asserted that faculty senators have his support and he also asked faculty to continue to support the new president in his new initiatives. In conclusion, Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard thanked the provost for his comments and affirmed that he has the full support of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Assembly to help move the university forward.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated that the current Annual Performance Evaluation instrument will need to be tweaked in order to coincide with the former Annual Performance Evaluation form. Senator Nancy Griesinger, Senator Christopher Tymczak and Senator Amy Thoreson agreed to take the lead on this task.

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C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated that he has received support from the Deans' Council to administer the Student Evaluation of Instructor instrument only in the spring semester (once per academic year), for efficiency.

Old Business

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Shared the final version of the latest, University Modified Workload Policy that will go to the Faculty Assembly for its approval, followed by the final approval of the University Board of Regents.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Shared the University Rank, Tenure, Promotion and Salary (URTP&S) Committee Election results. Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard congratulated the new committee members and thanked the outgoing members for their service.

Adjourn Meeting

Q: Ask for the question. Senator Mammo Woldie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Christopher Tymczak seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.