



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 4, 2017

3:00 PM

Hannah Hall, Room 111

Presiding Senator

Dr. Jafus Kenyatta Cavil Chair, College of Education

Senate Members Present

Abobo, Cyril	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Bell, Edward	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Brown-Burton, Rockell	Senator, School of Communication
Griesinger, Nancy	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Handy, Carlos	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Kazakos, Demetrios	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Lancaster, Iris	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Loudd, Grace	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Lowe, Jeffrey	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Maldonado, Edward (SpearIt)	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Nwagwu, Emmanuel	Senator, College of Education
Perez-Feliciano, Luis	Faculty Speaks Editor, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Reynolds, Lacey	Senator, College of Education
Thoreson, Claire	Senator, The Graduate School
Walker, April	General Counsel, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Wu, Edieth	Vice Chair, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Yousefipour, Zivar	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Senate Members / Colleges Not in Attendance

Brailey, Carla	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Ibitayo, Olurominiyi	Senator Treasurer, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Regis, Humphrey	Senator, School of Communication
Saneifard, Rasoul	Senator Secretary, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Woldie, Mammo	Senator Parliamentarian, Jesse H. Jones School of Business

Senate Counsel in Attendance

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

Guest(s) from Faculty Assembly or University

Bradshaw, Damien	Police Sergeant, Department of Public Safety
Brown, Fred	Police Sergeant, Department of Public Safety
Carrington, McKen	Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Etheridge, Leslie	Police Sergeant, Department of Public Safety
Sen, Lalita	Professor, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Young, Mary	Executive Director/Chief of Police, Department of Public Safety



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Call to Order

Senate Chair Jafus Kenyatta Cavil called the December 2017 monthly meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2017. Senator Mammo Woldie moved to call the meeting to order, which was seconded by Senator Claire Thoreson.

Approval of the November 2017 Senate Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting were reviewed, and Faculty Senate Chair Jafus Kenyatta Cavil called for a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Jeffrey Lowe suggested changes to the minutes. Senator Jeffrey Lowe motioned to approve the minutes that included his modifications. The minutes were seconded by Senator Carlos Handy. The motion carried unanimously with no opposing votes.

Status Reports from the Faculty Senate

No Report.

Announcements from the Chair

Senate Chair Jafus Kenyatta Cavil: Provided updates by stating that the President Cabinet meetings have not been held for the last few weeks, which were cancelled for various reasons including the president's travel. He provided updates from previous Deans Council meetings that included plans for new digital courseware for students, such as digital books, general educational assessments, storage of hazardous chemicals, standardizing minors in academic units, the 85th legislative review session activity, and the midterm roster summary regarding timely grades submission.

Several Senators discussed the charge and purpose of the Committee on Inquiry

Senate Chair Jafus Kenyatta Cavil: Asked Senator Edward Bell to speak on the activities of the Committee on Inquiry. Senator Bell provided updates regarding the initial meeting of the Committee on Inquiry. He shared several topics of discussions, such as the committee's charge, its expectations, and future ad hoc meeting dates based upon complaints received by the Assembly and how those complaints regarding improprieties by administrators are handled.

Guests

Police Chief Mary Young: Provided an overview of the new initiatives at the Department of Public Safety. Chief Young discussed a plethora of topics, such as frequent incidences, classroom management issues, location of security cameras, areas of surveillance, differences between HPD and



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TSUPD, average response times, available technology, reporting sexual assault, and negative media coverage.

Old Business

Several Senators discussed their concerns regarding unauthorized grade changes

Senator Nancy Griesinger: Provided updates regarding the ongoing issues of unauthorized grade changes. She gave specific examples of persistent problems concerning this matter. Senator Griesinger and several other senators recommended that an internal investigation or an audit is initiated. Additionally, Senator Lowe motioned that a subcommittee is constituted to provide oversight of an audit of the internal controls of the Office of the Registrar. General Counsel April Walker advised that this body lacks the authority to make these recommendations. Consequently, Senate Chair Cavil tabled this agenda item for discussion at a later date.

Senator Nancy Griesinger: Discussed the previous issues regarding the lack of availability of parking for faculty. She requested updates on these faculty parking issues. Faculty Senate Chair responded that he would seek any updates regarding this matter. However, he added that there is an established university Parking Committee, which was headed by the former Executive Director of Parking.

Several Senators discussed tabled discussions for selecting a temporary Senator Secretary

Senate Chair Jafus Kenyatta Cavil: Reiterated the tabled discussions for selecting an interim Secretary position as a result of Senator Secretary Rasoul Saneifard's appointment as interim Associate Provost/Associate Vice President for Academic and Faculty Affairs. Several Senators suggested that an interim secretary is appointed since Senator Secretary Saneifard has not officially resigned his Senate position. General Counsel April Walker advised that this position should be designated as temporary instead of interim.

Senator Jeffrey Lowe: Motioned that the Senate appoint a temporary secretary while Senator Secretary Saneifard serves in his newly appointed position. Senator Edward Bell seconded the motion. Additionally, several senators discussed the antiquated bylaws of the Faculty Senate. Furthermore, Senator Lowe accepted the friendly amendment by Senator Reynolds to table these discussions until the next 2018 Faculty Senate meeting.



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New Business

Senator Jeffrey Lowe: Questioned how the Faculty Research Committee should function and what should be the committee's focus. Senate Chair Cavil requested that this committee is convened and activated. Senator Lowe also provided updates on the activities of the SOPA dean search committee.

Senator SpearIt: Presented faculty concerns regarding the TMSL acting dean's comments of his desire to stay on as the dean of the law school. He stated that the faculty expressed serious concerns regarding the selection process for the previous dean and now the faculty are questioning the selection process for the future dean of the law school. Senator SpearIt stated that faculty should have significant input and meaningful consultation upon selection of interim deans. Additionally, he warned of the potential violations that could exacerbate the ABA's concerns.

Senator Carlos Handy: Provided a report on the student-faculty ratio. He announced that the Office of Institutional Effectiveness published statistics in 2014-2015 that described the university ratio as 20:1.

Adjournment of Meeting

Senator Luis Feliciano: Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Edward Bell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Mrs. La Shanta Gill-May, Program Coordinator of the Faculty Senate