



Texas Southern University Faculty Assembly/Senate

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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 01, 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

Anga, Ahunanya	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Bell, Edward	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Brailey, Carla	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Cavil, J. Kenyatta	Senator Secretary, College of Education
Ghemri, Lila	Senator, The Graduate School
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
Ojode, Lucy	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Perez-Feliciano, Luis	Senator Editor, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Perkins, Carlton	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Regis, Humphrey	Senator, School of Communication
Reynolds, Lacey	Senator, College of Education
Saneifard, Rasoul	Senator Chair, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
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

Abobo, Cyril	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Asare, Nana	Senator, College of Education
Georges-Abeyie, Daniel	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Lancaster, Iris	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Thomas, Graham	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Walker-Hawkins, Vera	Senator Parliamentarian, School of Communication

Senate Members or Senate Counsel / Not in Attendance (Alternative Representative)

Carrington, McKen	Faculty Senate General Counsel, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
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Guest(s) from Faculty Assembly or University

Caussinus, Marylise	Interim Chair and Former Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Science
Javadian, Mohsen	Associate Professor, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Shelton, Andrea	Faculty Ombudsperson and Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Call to Order

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

Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the September 2016 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:14 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2016.

Approval of the May and June 2016 Senate Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 5 and June 30, 2016 meetings were reviewed. A motion was made by Senator Christopher Tymczak to approve the minutes and seconded by Senator Dianne Jemison Pollard as subject to her suggested corrections during the meeting.

Announcements

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced the new Program Coordinator, La Shanta M. Gill-May. In addition, he welcomed new faculty senators, Dr. Carla Brailey and Dr. Iris Lancaster, both of the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences. Also, he added that President Austin Lane was invited to join the meeting today.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced the appointment of the new interim provost of academic affairs, Dr. Bobby Wilson. He also shared other recent changes, such as the appointment of the new interim dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Dr. James Douglas. Additionally, in the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, Dr. Michael Adams has assumed leadership of the college as interim dean.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Referenced a few of the Faculty Senate summer activities, such as promotion and tenure issues and issues related to the College of Pharmacy and Health



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Sciences. Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard thanked the COPHS senators for their leadership and their efforts regarding the issues that exist in the college.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced that the Faculty Manual committee terms are near expiration; he will send a request for nominations. As it is stated in the faculty manual, five faculty members are needed to serve on the committee on behalf of Faculty and Assembly. In addition, Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard announced that the following University Rank, Tenure, Promotion and Salary committees in TMSL, JHJSOB and COPHS are also expired. He added that both committees will be added to the nomination forms next week.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced that Senator Parliamentarian Vera Hawkins is currently out on FMLA. He suggested that Senator Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil assume an interim role as Parliamentarian in conjunction with his duty as Secretary and Ms. Gill-May prepare minutes to submit to Senate Secretary Cavil for his review and approval.

C: Senator Christopher Tymczak: Motioned to approve Dr. Cavil as Parliamentarian/Secretary and Ms. Gill to prepare the minutes and submit to Dr. Cavil for his approval. The motion was seconded by Senator Carla Brailey.

Discussion on floor by several Senators and then a vote was taken

Yes = 19

No = 0

Abstention = 0

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Provided an update on this year's budget. He announced that the president restored the Faculty Senate's budget.



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Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced that President Lane's presence during the evening prior to the first day of school, Move-In Day, had a positive impact on campus operations that resulted in expediting this and other University activities. Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard also encouraged Faculty Senate to participate in University Activities.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Discussed the senators' role and their participation in the faculty senate meetings. He reminded the senators of their responsibility to inform faculty of their role in the Faculty Senate.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Provided an overview of the 2015-2016 faculty senators' attendance report.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senator Edward Bell: Shared a few details of the issues that were discussed in the meeting with the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' senators and faculty members with President Lane.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C. Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated that the President has approved a two percent raise for this year.

C: Senator Dianne Jemison Pollard: Will provide the historical data related to four-day class scheduling (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday classes only) to the President as soon as the report is completed.



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Discussion on floor by several Senators regarding the Faculty Ombudsperson position

C: Senate Vice Chair Edieth Wu: Explained the circumstances and the rules for tenure regarding the Faculty Ombudsperson position.

Guest

R: Faculty Ombudsperson Andrea Shelton: Provided a synopsis of her activities as Faculty Ombudsperson during her tenure. She added that she previously reported to the Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs. Furthermore, she mentioned that she has been asked to pick-up an additional course, however, it has been customary that she received one course load reduction and a stipend for the position.

Discussion on the floor by several senators will remain open

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Asked the faculty senators for suggestions on how they prefer to invite someone to apply to the Faculty Ombudsperson position.

C: Senator Lila Ghemri: Suggested that Dr. Shelton provide a statistical report regarding her activities in order to support a stipend for the position.

C: Senate Vice Chair Edieth Wu: Suggested that Dr. Shelton's position has to have a proper transition. She stated that there may be other individuals who are interested in the position.

C: Senator Mammo Woldie: Suggested that a person with a strong legal background may be a good candidate as well.

C: Several Faculty Senators: Suggested that a job description is developed. Senator Carla Brailey, added that perhaps someone who is politically savvy is required in the field. Additionally, Senator Dianne Jemison Pollard suggested a person with counseling skills would be great and she supported the ideas raised by other senators. In conclusion, the faculty senators agreed that Dr.



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Shelton continue as faculty ombudsperson until the senate conducts an election to determine who will be elected as the new faculty ombudsperson to take office, effective spring 2017.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Asked for the motion that Dr. Shelton continue as faculty ombudsperson, receive a summer stipend and additionally, be required to provide a report each semester of her activities until the new ombudsman is elected to take office in the spring. The motion was moved by Senator Dianne Jemison Pollard and seconded by Senate Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil.

Discussion on floor by several Senators and then a vote was taken regarding the faculty ombudsperson position

Yes = 19
No = 0
Abstention = 0

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced that Senator Marylise Caussin and Senator Lila Ghemri have accepted new positions. Furthermore, he stated that Senator Graham Thomas and Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie have resigned their faculty senate positions.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Acknowledged the following senators, Senator Ghemri accepted the department chair position in Computer Science department; Senator Caussin accepted the interim chair position in the department of Foreign Languages, Senator Lancaster will assume her faculty senate position. Senator Brailey has assumed the faculty senate position vacated by Dr. Nupur Chaudhuri. He added that the Graduate School has been informed to hold an election to replace the faculty senate position vacated by Senator Ghemri.

Adjourn Meeting

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



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Vote taken to adjourn the meeting

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No = 0

Abstention = 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.