

Fri 26 Apr 2024
Faculty Senate Meeting
WTAMU JBK 14
12:15 PM - 13:34 PM CDT
Dr. Kenneth Leitch, fill-in minute taker

Faculty Senators in Attendance: Fisseha Alemayehu, Bill Ambrose, Chris Baird, Brandon Bang, Gary Byrd, Priscella Correa, David Craig, Nancy Garcia, Callie Hisek, Eric Hoffman, Guglielmo Manfredi, Kenneth Leitch, Ashley Pinkham, Blake Price, Leslie Ramos Salazar, Laura Reyher, Matt Reardon, Brian Spencer, Troy Tarpley, Bruce Wardlow

Faculty Senators not in Attendance (Proxy): Sean Humpherys, Roy Issa, Kelly McCauley (David Howe), Eric Meljac, Jim Rogers (Stephen Karaganis), Brigitte Whaley

1. Approval of minutes: deferred
2. Officer's Reports/Remarks
 - a. President's Remarks
 - i. Meeting with Student Regent and Student Body President
 - ii. Running lean on faculty numbers in some departments.
 - iii. Discussion about textbooks.
 - iv. Student Regent at TAMUS studentregent@tamus.edu
 - b. President-Elect Remarks
 - i. Senate Elections
 - ii. Next meeting during or just after final exams to vote for Executive Committee
 - c. Secretary Remarks: not present
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Faculty Handbook Committee: none
 - b. Joint Faculty Student Committee: no news
 - c. Ad hoc committee on HR: no news
4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Filling Vacancies in University Committees (Dr. Craig has full list) → Note: Dr. Terry had a comment about appointments to the Honors Committee. Faculty Senate appoints those members.
 - b. Faculty Senate voting for AY 2024-2025
 - i. COESS and COB need to do electronic voting,
 - ii. Other four colleges and library are in person
 - c. Final meeting of semester Fri 10 May 2024 12:30 - 1 PM → elect new Executive Committee
5. New business
 - a. Handbook committee
 - i. Non reappointment: don't need to do a final annual review of faculty (approved)

- ii. Membership of the Faculty Senate: updated list of eligible persons (approved)
 - iii. Faculty Senate election procedures: updates for clarification (approved)
 - b. Deans just submitted a request for instructors and needs to be discussed over summer, vote in person week before classes
 - c. Ombuds officer
 - i. David Rausch is not even sure if he is ombuds officer through August 2024
 - ii. See pp. 90-91 of current Faculty Handbook
 - iii. Solicit applications through 01 Aug 2024 → Dr. Craig will send an email to all WTAMU faculty about this.
- 6. Adjourned at 1:34 PM