

WTAMU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2024

Attended: Kenneth Leitch, Gary Byrd, Nancy Garcia-Franken, Brandon Bang, Leon Chen, Bridget Guerrero, David Hart, Callie Hisek, David Howe, Turkan Kilic, Audrey Meador, Shanna Peeples, Blake Price, Matt Reardon, Jim Rogers, Laura Reyher, John Shanks, Brandli Stitzel, Shiquan Tao, Vinu Unnikrishnan, Kerrie Young

Absent: Fisseha Alemayehu, Kristy Bartlett, David Craig, Traci Fredman, Chelsea Kuehler,

Proxies: Nathan Howell, Lydia Miller, Nancy Stanwood

Guests: none

The regular meeting of the West Texas A&M Faculty Senate on Oct. 25, 2024, was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Kenneth Leitch in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center's Eternal Flame room.

Approval of Prior Meetings

The minutes for the regular meetings on Oct. 11 were reviewed. Jim Rogers moved to approve the minutes with attendance corrections (i.e., name corrections). The motion was seconded and passed.

Officer's Reports and Remarks

President

Kenneth Leitch met with President Wendler on Oct. 15. Topics discussed included:

1. Enrollment Initiatives
2. Textbooks and University Credit Cards

The next President's Council and President Wendler meeting is on Nov. 19.

President-Elect

No new business to report.

Secretary

No new business to report.

Committee Reports

Faculty Handbook Committee

The Memo from the Faculty Senate regarding Traintraq training compliance was revised and edited for conciseness.

Joint Faculty/Student Committee on Academic Affairs

Met with the Student Government Association president and discussed their goals: get more undergraduate student engagement, transfer equivalencies, and academic advising.

Equity Pay Ad Hoc Committee

When the committee meets, a chair will be selected for the Equity Pay Ad Hoc Committee.

Unfinished Business

1. The Digital Textbook Survey will be revisited in 2025SP.
2. Piper and Regents Professor applications are in progress.

New Business

The deadline for the Faculty Development Leave (FDL) was on Oct. 15. Two applications were received, and faculty senators voted.

Some questions exist about the process followed by students who need accommodations due to a disability. Student Disability Services will be invited to speak to the Faculty Senate.

Upcoming in November 2024

1. Potential visit from President Wendler on Nov. 22
2. Comprehensive Peer Evaluation (CPE)
 - a. Form CPE committees on Nov. 22
 - b. Contact faculty members from each college CPE committee for 2025SP

Adjournment

Callie Hisek moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully,

Nancy García-Franken