

WTAMU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
November 08, 2024

Attended: Kenneth Leitch, Gary Byrd, Nancy Garcia-Franken, Fisseha Alemayehu, Brandon Bang, Kristy Bartlett, David Craig, Traci Fredman, Bridget Guerrero, David Hart, Callie Hisek, David Howe, Turkan Kilic, Chelsea Kuehler, Audrey Meador, Shanna Peeples, Matt Reardon, Jim Rogers, Laura Reyher, John Shanks, Vinu Unnikrishnan, Kerrie Young

Absent: Leon Chen, Blake Price, Brandli Stitzel, Shiquan Tao

Proxies: Michelle Bartlett

Guests: none

The regular meeting of the West Texas A&M Faculty Senate on Nov. 08, 2024, was called to order at 12:16 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. 25 were reviewed. Matt Reardon moved to approve the minutes with attendance corrections (i.e., name corrections). The motion was seconded and passed.

Officer's Reports and Remarks

President

1. TAMUS-AFS virtual meeting occurred on Nov. 07
2. The President's Council on Nov. 19 was canceled
3. President Wendler's meeting with Faculty Senate is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 2025

President-Elect

No new business to report.

Secretary

No new business to report.

Committee Reports

Faculty Handbook Committee

No new business to report.

Joint Faculty/Student Committee on Academic Affairs

No new business to report.

Equity Pay Ad Hoc Committee

No new business to report.

Unfinished Business

1. Piper and Regents Professor applications are in progress
2. Faculty Development Leave applications are in progress
3. Kenneth Leitch spoke with the Office of Student Accessibility (OSA) and invited them to visit with the Faculty Senate to share resources and answer questions. A visit this semester might not be possible, but the invitation will be extended to the spring semester. In the meantime, the link to their website was also shared with senators.

New Business

The Terry B. Rogers College of Education and Social Sciences is leading a coat drive for students.

Turkan Kilic motioned to create an ongoing survey for faculty to submit topics they want the Faculty Senate to address and/or discuss. The motion was seconded and approved. It was also suggested that a Faculty Senate email be requested from IT. Kenneth Leitch will ask IT and will update the senators.

There are questions about faculty getting the third-year review letters from the committees- some faculty have not been receiving them throughout the process. The Handbook Committee will review the outlined process and follow up. In addition, the Faculty Handbook was charged with reviewing the tenure and promotion appeal process, specifically section 7.2.3 (p. 60 in the 2023 handbook, p. 58 in the 2024 handbook).

Upcoming in November 2024

1. Potential visit from President Wendler on Jan. 24, 2025
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 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully,

Nancy García-Franken