

WTAMU Faculty Senate Meeting, Eternal Flame Room JBK 14

Meeting Minutes Fri 21 Feb 2025

In attendance: Kenneth Leitch, Gary Byrd, Fisseha Alemayehu, Brandon Bang, Kristy Bartlett, Leon Chen, Bridget Guerrero, David Hart, Callie Hisek, David Howe, Turkan Kilic, Chelsea Kuehler, Shanna Peoples, Matt Reardon, Laura Reyher, Jim Rogers, John Shanks, Brandli Stitzel, Shiquan Tao, Vinu Unnikrishnan, Kerrie Young

Absent: Nancy Garcia-Franken (minutes by Kenneth Leitch based on agenda), David Craig, Traci Fredman, Audrey Meador, Blake Price (Proxy: Derrick Kennedy)

1. Approval of Prior Minutes from Fri 07 Feb 2025
 - a. Minor corrections on copy
 - b. Approved
2. Officer's Reports/Remarks
 - a. President
 - i. President Wendler Meeting 17 Feb 2025
 1. Updated on cybersecurity and Canvas LMS migration
 2. Digital textbooks: continued dialog
 3. University Budget in process: Find if faculty have any representation in this matter
 4. 2025 Texas Legislature
 - a. Research Building
 - b. Panhandle Plains Historical Museum: reduced scope, rebuild and replace in phases
 - ii. Canvas LMS training: information sent to Faculty Senate to share
 - iii. Request to have Faculty Senate President or designee represent the faculty on stage at Commencement sent to Provost
 - b. President-Elect: none
 - c. Secretary: none
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Faculty Senate Handbook Committee
 - i. University Handbook Committee meets Thu 06 Mar 2025 3 – 4 PM
 - ii. Dr. Wade Shaffer from the University Handbook Committee is willing to come to speak to Faculty Senate --> extend invitation
 - iii. Potential wording for third year review
 - iv. How to fix the 1/3 of senators off the senate each year: Kenneth Leitch will help to draft language on a proposal for this
 - b. Joint Faculty/Student Committee on Academic Affairs: Brandon Bang says no meeting yet
 - c. Equity Pay Ad Hoc Committee: Jim Rogers and Callie Hisek reported

- i. WTAMU looks to be close to its peers
 - ii. It would be helpful to look at this on a college unit basis
- 4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Office of Student Accessibility (OSA): extended offer for them to speak
 - b. Faculty Senate Suggestion Box: 10 minutes of discussion time
- 5. New Business
 - a. Chelsea Kuehler: LibQual survey open 17 to 23 Mar 2025
 - b. Staggering Faculty Senate terms so that ~1/3 of Senators are replaced at the end of April each year <https://www.wtamu.edu/academics/faculty-senate/>
 - i. Ending 30 April 2025: 6 currently
 - ii. Ending 30 April 2026: 3 currently
 - iii. Ending 30 April 2027: 17 currently
 - c. Anything else from the Faculty Senators: none
- 6. Upcoming in 2025SP
 - a. Faculty Evaluation of Administrators: will be sent Mon 24 Feb 2025
 - b. Magister Optimus: initiate process in Feb 2025 (solicit nominees)
 - c. Comprehensive Peer Evaluation (CPE): in process, folders go to committees after Mon 03 Mar 2025
 - d. University committee vacancies
 - i. Initiate in Mar 2025
 - ii. Fill in Apr 2025
 - e. President Wendler: 18 Apr 2025 (10 AM start)
 - f. New Faculty Senate: May 2025
- 7. Adjournment at 1:40 PM