

Faculty Senate - Tarleton State University

8 November 2021 Minutes | Zoom | 2:30p-4:30p

Ryan D. Foster – President
 George Mollick – Past President
 Kimberly Guay – President-elect - Meeting Chair for Nov 8th

Nina Rogers – Secretary-Treasurer
 Charlie Howard – Parliamentarian

Attendance

Karl Aho	Bowen Brawner	Samantha Pehl	Misty Smith	Bailee Sawyer
Lynal Albert	Anna Fox	Russell Pfau	Brian Walker	Haitham Abu Ghazaleh
Matt Bagwell	Rusty Freed	Brant Poe	Joshua Wallace	
Jeanelle Barrett	Patrick Funicello	Jarrod Schenewark	Andrew Wolfe	
Jonali Baruah	Chun Kai Hsu	Thomas Schwertner	Jennifer Yeager	
Don Beach	Arthur Low	Tara Shelley		
Kym Schow (Visitor)				

Standing Items

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Items
1.1 Approval of Minutes from October	<p>Dr. Howard moved to approved</p> <p>Dr. Schenewark seconded with correction.</p> <p>Dr. Tom Faulkenberry of the Psychology Department created instructions for the calculation of faculty merit increase posted in the October minutes.</p> <p>Minutes approved with correction.</p>	<p>Minutes approved after correction to note Dr. Faulkenberry as the source of merit calculation.</p>
1.2 President Hurley Remarks	<p>President’s Advisory Council meeting discussed several Federal appropriation opportunities for Tarleton.</p> <p>TAMU law college in Fort Worth will be developing a new education center in proximity to the Medical District in Fort Worth. Part of Tarleton’s health care programs will use the facility and be closer to their practical areas.</p> <p>Aquatic center to open 1st week of Dec according to the schedule. No promises.</p>	

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	National Provost search has begun.	
1.3 Aimee Shouse, AVP Remarks and Q&A	Will not be here today due to full Senate agenda upon request by Senate President.	
1.4 Presidential Advisory Council Updates	Meeting today – see notes by the President	
1.5 Provost’s Office/Faculty Senate Exec Committee Meeting Updates	No discussion on changes in P&T process yet. Discussion on Ph.D. in Counseling – CHSHS college curriculum committee failure to document minutes or vote on program and curriculum. Discussion on the professional track option.	

Old Business

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2.1 University Committees Representation	Working on updating committee list.	Lori Beaty & Dr. Foster
2.2 Faculty Senate Representation on Academic Affairs Searches	No discussion during the meeting. Dr. Mollick on Dean of College of Engineering search, Dr. Yeager on the HSHS search, and Dr. Guay on the CAGNR search as Senate reps.	
2.3 Constitution Revisions – Rules Process (George Mollick)	Dr. Howard moved to approve. Seconded by Dr. Mollick. Discussion on process of constitutional changes, name of the process, wording modifications, addition of a sunset clause. Dr. Schwertner move to table process. Dr. Poe seconded	Motion to approve did not pass. Motion to table passed. 16 yea, 5 no

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	<p>Dr. Howard moved to form a committee to edit and send electronic document for Senate vote prior to the next meeting. Dr. Mollick seconded.</p> <p>Committee to revise: Dr. Schwertner, Dr. Poe, Dr. Pfau, and Dr. Mollick</p>	<p>Motion passed</p> <p>Send revision suggestions ASAP to any on committee.</p>
<p>2.4 OER Grants (Karl Aho and Dr. Schow)</p>	<p>Available grants from \$1,000 up. President has increased budget. Kym Schow: Library has tools to help. Affordable course redesign is the new title. Contact Dr. Aho or Dr. Schow for additional information.</p>	<p>schow@Tarleton.edu kaho@tarleton.edu</p>

New Business

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<p>3.1 Issues with Respondus Test Proctoring (Nina Rogers)</p>	<p>AFE department struggling using spreadsheets with Respondus proctoring system. No other problems from other colleges mentioned.</p>	<p>Dr. Foster will check with Becky Gray regarding overall usage.</p>
<p>3.2 Student Course Evaluations (Russell Pfau)</p>	<p>Given that some colleges are considering using student evaluations in a more rigorous way for Tenure/Post-tenure review evaluations, is anyone concerned that our current student evaluation system is not as good as it could be? What alternatives are available? Dr. Shouse chairing committee to address student evaluation participation rates College of Agriculture added peer evaluations to supplement student evaluations.</p>	<p>Contact Dr. Pfau if you have concerns pfau@tarleton.edu</p>

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Additional Business

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<p>4.1 Concern regarding the email of unapproved minutes to entire faculty.</p>	<p>Dr. Schwertner moved that the Draft Minutes be sent to Faculty Senators for their review, edits, and electronic approval before entire faculty.</p> <p>Dr. Mollick seconded.</p> <p>Discussion: misinformation could be distributed.</p> <p>Goal is to provide more transparency and information from the meetings in a timely manner.</p>	<p>20 yea. Motion passed</p>
<p>4.2 Study Abroad</p>	<p>No consensus on information regarding the reopening of study abroad programs.</p>	

Dr. Beach motion to adjourn, second by Dr. Mollick. Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Regular Meeting Dates for the Academic Year:

- September 13, 2021 2:30p-4:30p
- October 11, 2021 2:30p-4:30p
- November 8, 2021 2:30p-4:30p
- December 6, 2021 2:30p-4:30p
- January 24, 2022 2:30p-4:30p
- February 14, 2022 2:30p-4:30p
- March 14, 2022 2:30p-4:30p
- April 11, 2022 2:30p-4:30p
- May 9, 2022 2:30p-4:30p