

# STC Faculty Senate Retreat Meeting Minutes

## Saturday, September 14, 2019

Members present:

Executive Committee: Nathan England, Bruce Griffiths

Senators: Roy Escaname, Wendi J.W. Williams, Francisco Ortiz Jr., Tim Weber, Layman Darnell Miller, Jaclyn Miller, Brittany Leckey, Daniel Montez, Aaron Wilson, Sylvia Flores, Margarita Vanguelova, Steven Miller,

Faculty/Guest present: Benito Garza, Mark R. Murray, Scott Niece, Lyudmyla Dickinson, Richard Smith, Shannon Perales, Sharon Rice, Rene Zuniga, Chris Nelson, Richard Moore

Meeting Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.

### President's Welcome and Introduction –Nathan England

Mr. England established that a quorum had not been reached and thus no voting items would be discussed.

#### → **Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Nelson, Associate Dean Curriculum & Student Learning**

Dr. Nelson presented himself before the Senators to discuss Pathways, Learning Outcomes Assessment, and End-of-Course Evaluations. He inquired to questions concerning Faculty issues with Pathways and Learning outcome Assessments. None were presents so discussion moved on the End-of-Course Evaluations. STC needs to comply with House Bill 2504 concerning course evaluation data. The live view of future expectations for appearance was illuminated on the screen. It was then stated that the compiled information from the end of course student surveys would be calculated into 5 question data points. The calculated numerical rating system would then be publicly available for the public to view on the STC website. It was noted that not all the information posted currently was the most up-to-date and review work is being conducted. Dr. Nelson did state they were hoping to roll out the new system in the spring of 2020. Additionally, Nelson did cite that he would return with more information as necessary or needed.

#### → **Guest Speaker: Mr. Richard Moore, TCCTA Executive Director, Various Topics**

Mr. Moore offered two Texas Senate Bills for discussion amongst other topics. The first was Senate Bill 212 Huffman, which expands the definitions of who can and should file Title IX complaints. It has been widened to include most all faculty rather than those most commonly noted as student organization facilitators. The documentation needs to take place if you become aware of any inappropriate interactions that should be documented with Title IX. TCCTA recommends that more Human Resource Training takes place to understand the coordination of reporting and communication with students.

Senate Bill 25, West outlined possible changes to the core curriculum and transferability of course credits. Additionally, this discussion was the TCCTA Annual National Conference taking place in Frisco, Texas. Mark Murray noted that he was on the membership committee if any faculty needed benefits information. Finally, it was noted that you can access TCCTA podcasts from [tccta.org/podcast](http://tccta.org/podcast) for more in-depth organizational and political discussions.

→ **Break: 15 minutes for refreshments and networking**

→ **Past Presidents: Mark Murray:**

Mr. Murray discussed the roles and responsibilities of Faculty Senate members. He relayed the ideas established as the desire to serve and the goals that each faculty member instills for their constituents.

→ **Meeting Business:**

It was established that since no quorum was present that email voting would need to be conducted for several items.

- Confirmation of Senate Secretary
- Confirmation of Senate Parliamentarian
- Confirmation of Senator Vacancies that need to be filled
- April Minutes
- Constitutional Committee Rules

Discussion continued about the direction and issues that the 2019 Faculty Senate should consider. It was noted that the complaint process in 4904 should continue to be evaluated. Another issue brought forth is that the Faculty in the Public Safety Technology Division would like to clarify a voice on the curriculum committee. Finally, the last issue brought forth was Faculty would like clarifications on the FLAC program.

→ **Certificates:**

Faculty Senate Certificates were presented to those present. Note to all senators that the certificates need to be signed by Diane Teter and Sandra Ledesma. Once they are signed, they will be available for pickup. If you would like to have a picture of Nathan England presenting you with the certificate, he will be available to travel to outside campuses for delivery.

**Senate Roll Call:** quorum not met

**Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2019 meeting** –Minutes cannot be voted on due to quorum not met.

→ Motion to adjourn: Frank Ortiz Jr

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Aaron Wilson

Meeting Adjourned at 12:29 p.m.