



SOUTH TEXAS
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Faculty Senate

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Faculty Senate Special Meeting August 31, 2021

Attendance: Jaclyn Miller, Nathaniel Weber, Micah Bailey, Rainlilly Elizondo, Lee Basham, Louis Lee, Khalid Salmani, Jesus Munoz, Wendi Williams, Karen Countryman, Theresa Garza, Layman Darnell Miller, Gabriel Pena, Sharon Rice, Nihan Kayaardi Hinojosa, Jorge Fuentes, Pooja Rishi, Melanie Espinoza, Emma Miller.

I. Faculty Senate Secretary Nomination

Motion to accept Annie Liss as Faculty Senate Secretary: Pooja Rishi

Second: Aaron Wilson

Motion carried

II. Constitution Committee Updates and Recommendations

Report and recommendation by the Constitution Committee on four items to change in the Constitution.

Motion to extend the discussion for ten minutes: Wendi Williams

Second: Micah Bailey

Motion carried

Motion to accept an exception for absent Senators on Sabbatical and those on FMLA: Aaron Wilson

Second: Micah Bailey

Motion carried

Recommendation by Constitution Committee to move Article 3 section 5 to Article 3 section 2, to Faculty Senate Member Responsibilities,

Motion to accept the Constitution Committee's recommendation regarding moving sections:

Wendi Williams

Second: Jesus Munoz

Motion Passed

Discussion of number of days required to announce a special meeting says one week
Motion to table the discussion of how many days required to call a special meeting: Micah Bailey

Second: Wendi Williams

Motion Carried

Motion for committee to reconsider the language used for items 1-3, come back with recommendations: Micah Bailey

Second: Wendi Williams

Motion Carried

Motion to table item 9 for further discussion: Wendi Williams

Second: Micah Bailey

Motion Carried

III. COVID Updates and Discussion

Presentation by Dr. Maria Rosas, Covid-19 Prevention and Response Manager.

Motion to extend the time 5 minutes

Second: Javier Munoz

Motion for FS to seek advice from STC's legal counsel on the extent to which faculty can legally promote mask wearing in our classrooms.

Second: Lee Basham

Motion carries

IV. New Business:

Question regarding late contract letters and salaries for this academic year.

Comment noting that Faculty Senate Constitution states that meetings are open to all faculty including lecturer, part-time, and adjunct but not an open meeting; only faculty are constituents.

Motion to adjourn at 5:25PM: Micah Bailey

Second: Jesus Munoz

Motion carries