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Faculty Senate Minutes

Tuesday, February 22, 2021, 4-5:30pm

February 2022 FS Meeting Documents Links: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8tnanm>

Faculty Senate and FS President Anonymous Feedback link: <https://tinyurl.com/z5m5psdf>

FS Contact Information: <https://tinyurl.com/48fm944d>

Teams Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4d8f7ubu>

I. Welcome: Attendance for Quorum: 4-4:05pm

II. November Minutes: 4:05-4:10pm

Minutes accepted

III. LA Vacancy: Nomination: 4:10-4:15pm

Rainlilly Elizondo: motion to table nominations to consider another nominee

Micah Baily: second

Motion carried.

IV. FS Committee Updates

a. Elections Committee Update: 4:15-4:20pm

b. Salary and Benefits Committee: 4:20-4:35pm

Pooja Rishi: motion that Faculty Senate advocate for any faculty who have been working remotely, but who were already given the previous payment, to the keep that payment. If already approved, please provide clarification on this in writing.

Micah Bailey: second

Motion carried

c. FS Academic Classification Committee Update: 4:35-4:45pm

Jacki Miller: motion that the Faculty Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on Academic Classification recommends that Faculty Senate asks administration to make more effort to encourage departments to hire new regular full-time faculty at Assistant or Associate Professor, based on current policy.

-Options discussed include, but are not limited to, standardizing chairs informing interviewees of that part of academic policy 3813.

Wendi Williams: Second

Motion carried

V. FS Executive Committee Meeting Updates: 4:45-5 pm

a. Student Life- 3 Travel Vans

Pooja Rishi: motion that Faculty Senate Supports Student Life purchasing 3 vans with low roll over rates, for the use of travel for Student Clubs and Faculty.

Micah Bailey: Second

Motion carried.

b. Travel-College Service Support

Micah Bailey: motion that Faculty Senate supports Dr. Ballinger's efforts to consider travel as a form of college service.

Sharon Rice: second

Motion carried.

VI. Graduation Procedures: 5-5:10pm

Micah Bailey: motion that Faculty Senate senators choose graduation leaders

Second: Javier Reyes

Motion carried

VII. FS Executive Committee and Administration Communication Protocol: 5:10-5:20pm

VIII. Open Discussion: 5:20-5:30pm

a. Board Updates

February 2022 Updates

In an attempt to keep our meetings within the allotted time, below you'll find quick updates. Please email a senator or Executive Committee member with questions or Agenda Items.

Faculty Senate Newsletter Committee: Senator Quarterly Podcast is due in February-Senator Volunteers Needed. Topics will be decided by Senators who volunteer, must be relevant to recent constituent concerns, this should take no more than 30 minutes. Please contact Sylvia Flores at 9568725615 or slflores@southtexascollege.edu.

VPAA Vacancy Updates: Application submission deadline for the VPAA Vacancy has passed, the March dates is flexible the option to reinterview a new batch of applicants is always available so the March deadline is flexible, questions given to candidates are HR approved questions, the last candidates chosen may participate in an open forum where faculty and staff can ask questions, the details of the open forum are not finalized, a faculty will serve on the interview committee.

COVID Testing Site: Pecan campus testing site has moved their site away from common areas and across the smoking area. Same day test results and 3-day test results are provided. Questions and concerns are welcome and should be sent to Dr. Rosas or you may contact a Faculty Senate Executive committee member.

Student Support Committee: Are teaming up with student life to distribute feminine hygiene products, snacks, and a resource map. We need your help to create a goodie snack bag for students who get hungry between classes. Please contact Sylvia Flores at slflores@southtexascollege.edu or 9568725615 for questions or donations. Here are a tentative donation list, resource map, and restroom flyer:

STC Student Resource Map

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FFvkRhcM8pw3Jo9maKVO0I5D_WwkXyNbMAlItEreMIw/edit?usp=sharing

Student Support Committee Donation list:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WgMFBz7ZQMkvKNTnmgu2AYbOziAw_8xliB8f74q5GIA/edit?usp=sharing

Faculty Senate Student Support Committee Services and Contact Information Flyer (Restroom flyer Location, has been preapproved by Mr. McCaleb):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fq7TFQ76FbYNIut6c8pZPK3Sn-KaF5egk0K852xluq8/edit?usp=sharing>

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Updates:

-A Faculty Volunteer is needed to help download all the agenda and minutes from both the Blackboard Shell and Website. The transition to blackboard Ultra and maintenance of the website is a lot easier if we transfer all these items to a facultysenate one drive folder. This includes creating folders for academic years, changing all the names for each agenda and minutes files. This is time consuming and can definitely serve as service to the college. The website management team will soon remove all items older than two years, after we download what we need. Please contact Sylvia Flores at slflores@southtexascollege.edu or 9568725615 for more information or questions.

-The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has committed to providing an informational Faculty Senate Training on Friday, March 4, 1-2pm, using teams: <https://tinyurl.com/m5hd89bt>

Description:

The Faculty Senate of South Texas College was established to facilitate communication among faculty across the college and to represent faculty viewpoints to administration and the Board of Trustees, giving faculty a collective voice and promoting the ideal of shared governance. It is a constitutional body comprised of faculty representatives from each academic division, headed by a president, a vice president, and other elected executive members.

Join us on March 4th at 1:00pm to learn more about the structure, history, and work of the Senate, and why any full-time regular faculty member should consider running to represent their division as a senator (part-time and non-regular faculty can fill vacancies). Current members of the Senate will be present to share information and answer questions.

-Faculty Senate One Drive Folder Links:

1. Dr. Petrosian Email Updates:
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2. Faculty Senate Minutes and Agendas
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3. Subcommittee Approved Minutes are recommended to be stored as a Teams Group File. Interested parties should join the committees to receive regular updates.

-The Faculty Senate has been provided with 2 minutes to update the board at every meeting. Faculty Senate Committee work will be presented as well as motions passed.

-Dr. Petrosian has agreed to provide Cabinet meeting updates, please see the Faculty Senate One Drive Folder 'Dr. Petrosian Emailed Updates.'