

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Attendance

Quorum Present: 22 senators

Senators Present:

Liberal Arts:

- Silvia Herrera
- Annie Liss
- Melissa Terry
- Rachel Brown
- Jodi Sabin
- Christopher Richardson

Nursing and Allied Health:

- Sharon Rice
- Layman Darnell Miller
- Gabriel Pena

Bachelor's Program:

- Laura Garcia

Business Public Safety:

- Jo Anna Martinez
- Guadalupe Sanchez
- Esmeralda Adame
- Erika Guerra

Math Science IT:

- Adrian Gonzalez
- Fidel Rodriguez
- Nicholas Hinojosa
- Courtney Galle
- Mehrzad Mahmoudian-Geller

Social and Behavioral Science:

- Ana Riojas

- Tim Weber
- Fred Cady

Senators Not Present:

- Henry Cortez (has missed at least 2 consecutive meetings)
- Onesimo Trevino
- Mark Gadson (has missed at least 2 consecutive meetings)

Meeting Agenda

4:00 - 4:05 PM: Welcome Remarks by Daniel

Overview of the meeting and confirmation of a quorum with 22 senators present.

4:05 - 4:11 PM: November Minutes

There were no comments on the November minutes. Motion to accept by Fred Cady and seconded by Layman Miller.

4:11 - 4:15 PM: Dual Credit Form Discussion

Daniel discussed the dual credit form. A task force will meet in April to collaborate on this.

4:15 - 4:50 PM: Jaguar Spot Check and Policy Updates

Schedule was altered so Zachary Suarez could speak earlier. Mark Murray expressed concern about creating a local policy for academic classification. Zachary Suarez announced Jaguar Spot Check dates and discussed policy updates related to drug and alcohol testing, internal policies, Insight Survey Results from 2012, and upcoming initiatives.

4:50 - 5:00 PM: Enrollment Appeal Process by Cynthia Blanco

Discussion on the enrollment appeal process, including reasons for appeal and the importance of faculty feedback.

5:00 - 5:35 PM: Adjunct and Lecturer Senator Proposal

Discussion on the proposal for representation of adjuncts and lecturers, including a motion for a subcommittee to revise the constitution. Committee updates and discussions on nominations, calendar changes, micro-credentials, and other topics followed.

Committee Updates

- **Nominations and Elections Committee (Mark Murray):** Nominees/nominations will be sent out on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Mark mentioned all the upcoming openings in the faculty senate. Nominations will take place in March, and elections will be held in early April, with the winners announced in late April.
- **Calendar Committee (Fidel Rodriguez):** Faculty will return to campus on August 18, 2024. It was suggested that perhaps all STC should be closed during

Thanksgiving week. The fall of 2025 cannot start a week earlier due to the bachelor's programs; it will start on August 25, 2025. Currently, there is a quick turnaround after the summer 2 minimester.

- **Micro credentials Committee (Erika Guerra):** Showed PowerPoints and will share the presentations in the chat..
- **Institutional Planning and Effectiveness Committee (Daniel):** Ongoing work on redrafting the mission statement.
- **Graduation (Daniel Montez):** The upcoming spring graduation needs participants. It is the senators' job to find help.
- **Chair Evaluation Committee (Dr. Margo Vargas-Ayala):** Chair of the Evaluation Committee created a document for Allied Health.
- **Textbook Committee (Daniel Montez):** Collegewide textbook considerations will be coming up soon.
- **Narcan Liberal Arts Subcommittee:** Dr. Lee Basham has proposed an initiative to distribute Narcan on campus. A call to Senators for help leading a subcommittee was made.
- **Student Role Task Force (Yolanda Jaramillo):** Showed PowerPoints on students receiving badges and provided sample behavior examples.
- **Generative AI Committee (Daniel Montez):** Discussed the handbook statement, CLE – Teaching and Learning Center formerly OPOD - AI. Form will go out to gauge faculty interest in a site-wide license. Rachel Brown expressed the need for an AI license. David Moyle has an annotated bibliography rich with resources to help faculty review AI.
- **Executive Council Meeting:** Information from the December meeting will be emailed.

5:35 PM: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mehrzad Mahmoudian-Geller and seconded by JoAnna Martinez.