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Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2025 / Bayou 1313 & Teams / 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Senators

Present: Anne Anders, Jennifer Arney Cuevas, Sheila Baker, Yvette Bendeck, Nelson Carter, Stephen Cotten, Neal Dugre, Kathleen Garland, Anne Gessler, Michelle Giles, Jennifer Grace, Charitha Hettiarachchi, Rebecca Huss-Keeler, Daniel Imrecke, Lorie Jacobs, Preeti Jain, Vanessa Johnson, Nicholas Kelling, Renée Lastrapes, Yingfu Li, Queinnise Miller, Zack Mustafaev, Alfredo Perez-Davila, Ivelina Pavlova-Stout, Roberta Raymond, Leroy Robinson, Gene Shan, Yi Su, Lisa Sublett, Ishaq Unwala, L. Jean Walker, Christine Walther, Omah Williams-Duncan, Lin Yi, Se-Hyoung Yi

Absent: 1

Administrative Guests: Marty Baylor, David Brittain, David Garrison, LeeBrian Gaskins, Allison Gillespie, Lee Hilyer, Jennifer Irvin, Beth Lewis, Kathryn Matthew, Christopher Maynard, Marci McMahon, Yolanda Nimmer-Williams, Veronica Ortiz, Joan Pedro, Shreerekha Pillai, Tina Powellson, Tim Richardson, Glenn Sanford, Scott Sawyer, Terry Sheppard, Troy Voelker, Richard Walker, Edward Waller, Brice Yates

Next meeting: March 5, 2025 / Bayou 1313 & Teams / 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Dr. Lastrapes

1:00

Approval of Faculty Senate minutes – Dr. Lastrapes

Minutes approved with correction to Dr. Imrecke's misspelled name.

Provost's Office Report – Dr. Matthew for Dr. Maynard

A review of the email that was sent about ICE on campus and steps to take if ICE is on campus.

Dr. Matthew Reichert, new VP of Research and Sponsored Programs, was introduced and a brief bio was provided.

[Committee Reports are attached. There was discussion about the committee reports as follows:](#)

Senate Committee Report – Faculty Life – Dr. Imrecke

A review of the report and an overview of the changes to the policies was provided.

Adjunct Faculty Appointment Policy - No questions were asked.

Vote: 34 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Appointment and Retirement Policy – Questions and discussion on used terminology and the need to change verbiage occurred.

Keep language as presented

Vote: 24 Yea; 2 Nay; 1 Abstain

Appointment and Retirement Policy

Vote: 23 Yea; 0 Nay; 1 Abstain

UHCL Guidelines for Academic Appointment Policy – Questions and discussions over the changes rationale occurred.

Vote: 27 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Faculty Dismissal Policy – Questions, discussion, clarifications, and proposed updates occurred.

Vote: 28 Yea; 0 Nay; 1 Abstain – with proposed changes to language

Senate Committee Report – Teaching & Research – Dr. Walther

A review of the report and overview of the policy changes was provided. No questions were asked.

Graduate Faculty Definition – no questions were asked

Vote: 28 Yea; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Motion to vote on an unanimous practice for future votes was suggested and unanimously agreed upon.

Intercollege Teaching Policy and Directions of Theses and Master's Projects – no objections or abstentions

Senate Committee Report – Budget & Facilities – Dr. Dugre

A review of the report was provided. No questions were asked.

Senate Committee Report – Curriculum – Dr. Baker

A brief review of each proposal was provided. Minor discussions and clarifications occurred.

Chemistry BA with/Chemistry 7-12 Certification – no objections or abstentions

Graduate Early Childhood Intervention Certificate – sent back to committee to address hours

Political Science Minor – no objections or abstentions

Certificate in Project Management and Technical Leadership – no objections or abstentions

Clinical Certificate for School Counselors – no objections or abstentions

Healthcare Data-Driven Decision-Making Graduate Certificate – no objections or abstentions

Healthcare Leadership Graduate Certificate – no objections or abstentions

A request for uniformity on requests was suggested.

Senate Committee Report – Governance – Dr. Cotten

A review of the report was provided. No questions were asked.

Shared Governance Reports – Drs. Gessler, Huss-Keeler, and Kelling

- University Life – Dr. Gessler

A review of the report was provided. No questions were asked.

- Facilities & Support Services – Dr. Huss-Keeler

A review of the report was provided. No questions were asked.

- Planning and Budget – Dr. N. Kelling

A review of the report and a summary breakdown of the previous PBC meeting was provided. Questions and discussions on the numbers displayed, reserves, expenses, inflation, inquiries for FY26 updates, VSIP outcomes, and questions about future cuts occurred.

Center for Faculty Development – Dr. McMahon

Faculty Development Week – is ongoing. Information on Thursday and Friday sessions were provided.

Faculty Development Funds – is still available. The next deadline for applications is March 2025.

Writing Challenge – The month-long challenge started this week.

New Business – Dr. Lastrapes

ICE – Concerns on the ICE guidelines. They would like a presentation from the campus PD for additional information. Discussions and steps addressed at the Senior Leadership Team Meeting was provided.

Call for Adjournment – Dr. Lastrapes

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