

**ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Rasman Room 104, and Remote Access via WebEx**

<b>Nick Negovetich</b> President BIO	X	<b>Twyla Tasker</b> Vice President C&I	X	<b>Carlos Flores</b> Secretary TED	X	<b>Christopher Shar</b> Parliamentarian SW	X
<b>Anthony Bartl</b> <b>PSCI/PHL</b>	X	<b>Alfredo Becerra</b> NURS	X	<b>Robert Briwa</b> <b>HIST</b>	X	<b>Michael Conklin</b> AEF	X
<b>Drew Curtis</b> PSY	X	<b>David Faught</b> ENG/LANG	X	<b>Manuel Garcia</b> ENG	X	<b>Mark Hama</b> ENG/LANG	X
<b>Floyd Huang</b> PT	X	<b>JongHwa Lee</b> COMM	X	<b>Heather Lehto</b> PHYS/GEO	X	<b>Adam Parker</b> KIN	X
<b>English Ratliff</b> AGRI	X	<b>Babajide Sadiq</b> HSP	X	<b>Rene Segoviano</b> M&M	X	<b>Andrew Siefker</b> Math	X
<b>Tammy Stafford</b> NURS (Clin)	X	<b>Devon Stewart</b> VPA	X	<b>William Taylor</b> SEC STUD	X	<b>Grant Wilde</b> CS	X
<b>Ralph Zehnder</b> CHEM	X						

**Call to Order @ 3:00 p.m.**

**I. Invited Guests**

- General Hawkins, President – present
- Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs – present
- Dr. Javier Flores, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management – absent
- Meghan Pace-Pena - Staff Senate President – absent
- Ms. Kristen Kilpatrick, Student Senate President – present

**II. Announcements and Questions**

- General Hawkins – Covid numbers are looking better. We were at 89 last week and 59 today. We will have to see what the numbers look like this week since we just came off a long weekend. We expect numbers to be lower at the end of the month. Plan to have a decision on Hybrid/Face-to-face by next week. A campaign to assist with food insecurities will begin in the next couple of weeks. The number of students facing food insecurities on campus is high. There have been discussions of reinstating the Covid testing kiosks. No decision on that yet as we are focusing on vaccinations. Students have a parallel incentive program to the faculty incentive program. Vaccine numbers are self-reported by all so there is not a solid number on the amount of people who are vaccinated. Our enrollment numbers look like they are up. We have quite a bit of Dual Credit students coming in. We need to be sure we are attracting students, and keeping them.
- Dr. Topliff – Students are not filling in the wellness checks because they know the symptoms and are just going to the clinic. Please encourage them to complete the wellness check. If a student tells you they have been exposed or need to get tested, you may forward their names to [student-wellness@angelo.edu](mailto:student-wellness@angelo.edu). This will begin the process of getting the ADA accommodations they need.
- Kristen Killpatrick – nothing to report.

### III. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Dr. Hama moved to accept the minutes from the May meeting and the motion was seconded by Dr. Curtis. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### IV. Standing Committee Reports

- Nothing to report. Committees have not met yet this year. Elections will need to be held this week to elect chairs for each committee.

### V. Unfinished Business

- OPs 06.28 and 06.31 are on hold.
- OP 06.23(T&P) is with the deans. The biggest changes made were on how the OP can be changed. We are hoping this will come back to us soon.

### VI. New Business

- Charge to committees has been sent. There are several OPs to work on this year and they have been sent to the appropriate committee.
- OP 06.05 was brought to the senate in 2017. It was referred back to the committee for possible wording changes. It never came out of the committee. It has been assigned to the University Affairs committee to be reviewed this year.
- Blackboard for adjuncts and new hires. Some adjuncts and new hires were not given access to Bb until the first day of classes and had no time to become acquainted with the courses. It's possible this was due to contracts and being put into Banner and technology. Nothing can happen until a signed contract is received in the Provost's office.

### VII. Roundtable

- OP 10.03 – grade grievance for students. Currently there is no timeline for when the grievance is in the hands of the dean. Is this something which can be addresses by the student and faculty senate? There is currently at least one student who has been waiting over 60 days for an answer from a dean on a grade grievance.
- The withdrawal date is after the date for the IDEA surveys. This allows students to leave a bad review and then drop the course. Can the WD date be before the IDEA surveys are released? In the past, we have been told if a student in enrolled in the course, they have the right to evaluate the professor. However, the drop date is set by the university. Student Affairs will take this matter. We would like the IDEA date to be moved to after the WD date.
- Bookstore issues – there are many departments facing issues with the bookstore. These include: not enough books ordered – faculty had to place the orders in the early spring, so why are there book issues now? Students being told there were no books available and they would not arrive until October but when checked, there were books on the shelves, not enough, but there were some there. Ebooks are \$20-30 more expensive if purchased from the bookstore – this is not fair to the students, access cards for courses – there was nothing on the shelves letting students know they could be found at the counter so students did not get books on time. This is causing many issues in classes.
- Hiring of foreign nationals – the professor is given a visa for three years, during this time, their families cannot work. They also do not apply for a green card for a year. If there are any delays and their visa expires, they have to go through the hiring process again and may not be the top person for the job. Other schools, such as Texas Tech and UTSA begin the

green card application process as soon as the professor is hired. Why do we not do that here at ASU? This is OP52.53 and needs to be reviewed. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so we can investigate who can make changes to this OP and which committee will be responsible for it.

## **VIII. Adjournment**