

**ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
January 17, 2024, 3:00 PM
HHS 104**

Drew Curtis President PSY	x	Anthony Bartl Vice President PSCI/PHL	x	Kenna Archer Secretary HIST	x	Trey Holik Parliamentarian PHY/GEO	x
Azize Akcayoglu ENG		Erica Bailey COMM	x	Jacob Burtch PT	x	Rusty Calk AEF	x
Leah Carruth TED	x	Yo-Rong Chen HSP	x	Brook Dickison C&I	x	Allison Dushane ENG/LANG	x
John Kellermeier AGRI	x	Melissa McDowell NURS	x	Christine Muelsch ENG/LANG	x	Adam Parker KIN	x
Saravanan Ramasamy CHEM		Gayle Randall M&M	x	Christopher Shar SW		Andrew Siefker MATH	x
Ben Skipper BIO		Tammy Stafford NURS(CLIN)	x	Grant Wilde CS		Jun Wu SEC STUD	x
Leila Yarian VPA	x						

Call to order: 3:00

I. Invited Guests

- A. General Hawkins, President – Present
- B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs – Present
- C. Dr. Sandra Mohr & FAST Team – Present
- D. Kam Weise, President of Student Senate – ABSENT

II. Announcements and Questions

- A. University President
 - a. **Ongoing discussions about student travel** (i.e. how faculty reimburse students): we’re working on it with Drew Curtis and the ad hoc committee
 - b. We have to **improve the OPs** in a more timely manner: some changes need to be worked on **deliberately** but not all of them, some OP changes can be fast tracked
 - c. Several states (ex: Washington, California, Arizona) are discussing if they should make **student athletes employees of the university** (especially at D1 schools)
 - d. This semester, we’ve hit the **highest registration numbers** in ASU history (10,135)

- e. Plans for the **innovation and research hub** are moving along
- B. Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
 - a. **Fall to spring retention** of new, first-time freshmen has increased: this semester the retention rate is at 87.6% compared to 86% for last fall-to-spring
 - b. **7 provost scholars** for the fall – that’s a good start to increase research productivity
 - c. We have to address **faculty evaluations by peer review committees**
 - i. We’ve had multiple situations where things that were done in the peer review committee over several years led to problems at year five
 - ii. We have to avoid litigation so faculty need honest reviews
 - iii. If faculty don’t want to do that, we need to alter the OP
 - d. This led to an extensive discussion of peer review, some of which is excerpted here
 - i. Should members of peer review committees be able to abstain?
 - 1. Don Topliff: abstaining from the peer review vote is not in the OP
 - 2. Maybe we should be explicit that a vote of abstention isn’t allowed
 - ii. If we make the Tenure and Promotion process more transparent, couldn’t that lead to retaliation?
 - 1. Don Topliff: you don’t have to sign your name on your no vote, you only have to justify your vote
 - iii. Are issues with peer review limited to one department or systematic?
 - 1. Don Topliff: it’s an issue across the university
 - 2. Part of the issue may be the criteria
 - iv. Take home: talk among department about criteria
 - e. Question: will **Christena Parks** be in her office anytime soon?
 - i. Don Topliff: we have hired somebody in international studies
 - f. Question: Chairs will now **review all syllabi**?
 - i. Don Topliff: Chairs went through training last week with the OSCQR system
 - ii. There’s a checklist Chairs can use that should ease the workload
 - iii. Question: we recently completed evaluation for SACS, were there findings on this? Is there a coordinating board report saying we’re deficient?
 - iv. Sandra Mohr: we didn’t have any findings, but we have to submit a report for **THECB** this next year, there are a lot of things we need to do
- C. Dean of Digital Learning and Instruction
 - a. This is the FAST (faculty support team)
 - b. Aubrey Madler
 - i. We’re prepared to accept **requests for print or electronic reserves**
 - ii. Remember that we house the institutional repository and can help with **OER**
 - iii. We’ll soon be hosting a workshop on **copyright and fair-use**
 - iv. We’re looking to expand our library workshops on informational literacy
 - v. We’re working on getting another **instructional librarian**
 - c. Katie Plum
 - i. Just a reminder we’re here to help with **internal and external grants**
 - ii. We don’t just do research, we’re also here for initiatives to support teaching
 - iii. We’re going to have some workshops this semester – one on **finding grant funding** and higher level search techniques, a second on **grant budgeting**
 - iv. Final item: **FREP grants** are due this Friday
 - d. Sandra Mohr
 - i. You should have gotten an email about the **book club**
 - ii. On January 24: there will be a training from 1:00 – 3:00 on the **OSCQR rubric**

- iii. We have angelo.edu/online that took over for the distance ed webpage
- iv. x2911 is more like an emergency system while CDLI is like planned support
- e. Dara Anderson
 - i. If you've gone to the **e-learning webpage**, you'll notice the direct phone number is not on the pages anymore ... you'll see x2911
 - ii. In May 2024, we're going to move to the **next iteration of Blackboard**
 - iii. The new design is going to look more like the Blackboard app on the desktop, it will be somewhat more social media-friendly
 - iv. The next iteration – **Blackboard Ultra** – will be multi-device ready even more so (no timeline for implementation of Ultra)
- f. Question: is there research indicating that OSCQR does anything better than Quality Matters or is it just a preference? Was there faculty involvement in the selection?
 - i. Sandra Mohr: the committee selected OSCQR based on ease of use
 - ii. Dara Anderson: there is research behind it
- g. Question: is this an issue across the university or is this more isolated?
 - i. Sandra Mohr: the issue is more common than you think

III. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to accept: Brook Dickison
 Second: Tammy Stafford
 Passed unanimously

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Academic Affairs
 - a. Drew emailed out information about a **potential fall break**
- B. Bylaws and Standing Rules – nothing to report
- C. University Affairs
 - a. **OP 06.23** is being finalized – should have a final draft before the February meeting
 - b. We're preparing to look over **OP 06.29**
 - c. For **faculty awards**, Chris is going to speak with a subcommittee about the forms
- D. Committee on Committees – nothing to report

V. Unfinished Business

- A. OP 06.02
 - a. Drew Curtis: the only thing we changed: we added a single word (capstone)
 - b. Any discussion: none
 - c. Tony moves to approve, Christine seconds, unanimously in favor
 - d. **OP 06.02 edits** are approved
- B. Fellowships, Grants, & Research (Ad-Hoc Committee)
 - a. Drew Curtis: the President mentioned we're moving ahead
 - b. Various committees will meet soon
- C. Faculty Research/Creative Endeavors & Student Travel (Ad-Hoc Committee)
 - a. Drew Curtis: I've sent an email to Angie Wright
 - b. Hopefully, we'll meet soon about our concerns
- D. Library Committee (Ad-Hoc Committee)
 - a. Nothing to report except that the library is taking requests for new reserves
 - b. The Committee is meeting next week
- E. Fall Break

- a. Concern: students might skip the week of thanksgiving, and it shortens summer
- b. Concern: TTUHSC and TTU have separate schedules
- c. Concern: disruption for 8 week classes

VI. New Business

- A. Faculty Excellence Awards – already covered

VII. Roundtable

- A. Kenna Archer: we have a **lecture on February 6** at 3:30 pm in the Nasworthy Suite – Laurie Dickmeyer will be talking about China and the global tea trade
- B. Allison Dushane: February 15 is the **Holland Symposium** – the guest speaker, Renee Hobbs, will be talking about media literacy and AI, February 29 is the **writers conference** –Manuel Muñoz will be the featured writer

VIII. Adjournment: 5:19