

**ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda  
March 20, 2024, 3:00 PM  
HHS 104**

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

**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. Kam Weise, President of Student Senate – ABSENT

**II. Announcements and Questions**

- A. University President
  - 1. **TTU Foundation:** on-campus Thursday and Friday
  - 2. **Distance learning:** importance of making sure that online students are tied to ASU and enjoying a consistently good experience; this led to a short discussion about standardization of online courses
  - 3. **VP Angi Wright:** she is off campus right now dealing with a family loss so there might be slight delays in some areas until she returns
  - 4. Question: is there any discussion of **moving to DI status?**
  - 5. President Hawkins: Yes, it's not worth the investment right now. The Lone Star Conference will add UTD down the road and Sul Ross next year

6. There was another discussion about **distance learning** and the degree to which distance education courses (included dual credit courses) were expected to be standardized, who was represented on the Distance Education Council, and how information was being communicated with faculty with regard to mandatory trainings
- B. Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
1. **Distance learning**: the goal is not to enforce a cookie cutter approach; it's about meeting Department of Education standards
  2. There was another discussion about standardization of online courses
  3. Don Topliff referenced the **ACGM learning outcomes** (linked [here](#)), which play a role in the reports that go to the Coordinating Board
  4. Distance learning is also about tapping into the market **completion degrees**
  5. **AI Policies for Faculty (06.14) and Students (10.26)** : those policies are in the works
  6. Question: why does 10.26 mention that tools like Grammarly are always allowed? What about a class that focuses on grammar?
  7. Allison Dushane: suggests adding a line to that section (ex: "Grammarly is allowed except in cases where")
  8. Don Topliff: invites faculty feedback on AI policies
  9. This led to a discussion about AI detection programs and whether there should be a blanket statement prohibiting their use

### III. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Approved: Andrew Siefker

Seconded: Gayle Randall

Approved unanimously

### IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Academic Affairs – nothing to report

B. Bylaws and Standing Rules – nothing to report

C. University Affairs

1. Several OPs (06.23, 06.28 and 06.32) were sent out via email to Faculty Senators preparatory to a vote
  - a. There was a question about **06.28 and Faculty Development Plans**
  - b. Section 4c only references Tenure Track faculty, but Tenured and Associate professors have been given Development Plans in practice
  - c. This led to a discussion about whether or not OPs 06.19, 06.28, and 06.29 are in-line
2. There was also a discussion about Section 3.d in 06.28 and whether individual as well as median ratings should be given
3. We need to move towards getting a **semifinalist list for the President's awards**
4. **OP 06.29** is still being reviewed and needs a separate discussion

D. Committee on Committees – the survey has been sent out

### V. Unfinished Business

A. University Affairs: OPs 06.23, 06.28, and OP 06.32

1. OP 06:28: Move to amend by striking the word "individual"
  - a. Motion: Allison Dushane
  - b. Second: Christine Muelsch
  - c. Carries unanimously

2. OP 06:28: the question of development plans for tenured faculty is going back to committee for discussion
  3. OP 06.23: the procedure for submission is exactly the same except that a physical binder is no longer required
    - a. Coming out of committee so no motion
    - b. Unanimously approved
  4. OP 06.32
    - a. Coming out of committee so no motion
    - b. Unanimously approved
- B. Fellowships, Grants, & Research (Ad-Hoc Committee) – nothing to report
- C. Faculty Research/Creative Endeavors & Student Travel (Ad-Hoc Committee) – no updates
- D. Library Committee (Ad-Hoc Committee)
1. Leah Carruth, update from the university library committee: they are looking at student data for utilization of the library to get a better vision for the library moving forward

**VI. New Business**

OP 06.14: it is with Adam Parker

**VII. Roundtable**

Drew: if you're exiting your term, be sure to have a replacement in place for the May meeting

**VIII. Adjournment: 5:00**