

**ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
May 8, 2024, 3:00 PM
HHS 130**

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		Jacob Burtch PT	x	Rusty Calk AEF	
Leah Carruth TED	x	Yo-Rong Chen HSP		Brook Dickison C&I		Allison Dushane ENG/LANG	x
John Kellermeier AGRI	x	Melissa McDowell NURS	x	Christine Muelsch ENG/LANG	x	Adam Parker KIN	
Saravanan Ramasamy CHEM		Gayle Randall M&M	x	Christopher Shar SW	x	Andrew Siefker MATH	x
Ben Skipper BIO		Tammy Stafford NURS(CLIN)		Rob LeGrand CS	x	Jun Wu SEC STUD	x
Leila Yarian VPA	x						

Call to Order: 3:48

I. Invited Guests

- A. General Hawkins, President – Absent
- B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs – Present
- C. Dr. Clifton Jones, Vice-Provost - Present
- C. Kam Weise, President of Student Senate – Absent
- D. Senators Incoming for upcoming year

II. Announcements and Questions

- B. Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
 - 1. In 2015: second year retention rate was 62.5%, this fall we expect it to be above 72%
 - a. We've made a lot of strides but need to keep making progress
 - b. The goal: get to 80% by 2028

2. Graduation: there's been confusion about whether it's required
 - a. It is required, but there are legitimate excuses for not being there
 - b. Action: faculty who have a valid reason for missing should contact the provost
 3. FAFSA mishap: it's still an issue, but enrollment looks pretty good for the fall
 - a. We do have a lot of students who get advised, select classes, and don't register
 - b. Encourage students to finish the process
 4. Question: moving from 62 – 72% retention is great but what is happening with average GPAs, is that also going up or are grades going down?
 - a. Grade inflation doesn't seem to be the cause for the increase in retention rate or GPAs don't seem to be affected by the increase in retention rates
- D. Introduction of incoming senators

III. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Moved: Andrew Siefker

Seconded: John Kellermeier

Carries unanimously

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Academic Affairs – Nothing to report but an update 06.14 is in Unfinished Business
- B. Bylaws and Standing Rules – nothing to report
- C. University Affairs – we have a vote for 06.28 and 06.29 today
- D. Committee on Committees
 1. Surveys have been submitted and survey has closed
 2. Committee is meeting soon to make decisions

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Academic Affairs: 06.14 (Parliamentarian Update)
 1. Review of process for dealing with the committee's report based on our OPs and Robert's Rules, which governs our procedure when OPs don't address something
 2. We don't have anything to vote on today – the committee gave its report last month
 3. Where we stand now is under New Business
- B. University Affairs: OPs 06.28; 06.29
 1. OP 06.28: eliminated verbiage that made tenured faculty subject to Developmental Plans – no additional changes so goes to a vote
 - a. Yes – 19
 - b. Vote to approve the recommendation carries unanimously
 3. OP 06.29: added member of the Faculty Senate (or a designated substitute) to the Provost's Committee in cases of Tenure Revocation
 - a. Drew: I spoke with the provost, and he is agreeable to this change
 - b. Question: are teaching faculty included on the committee? Who is in the pool of candidates that the provost pulls from?
 1. Chris: there is no mention in the OP of the committee's make-up
 2. This led to a discussion about whether there should be a statement identifying the pool of qualified employees that the provost can draw from
 - c. Suggestion: vote to approve the recommendation today and meet down the road with the provost to discuss the issue further
 - d. Vote to approve the committee's recommendation:
 1. Yes – 18

2. No - 1

3. Motion carries

C. Faculty Research/Creative Endeavors & Student Travel (Ad-Hoc Committee)

1. Same update as April meeting

2. The president kicked back some of the changes, which are with Angie Wright

D. Library Committee (Ad-Hoc Committee)

1. The main committee has not met again

2. Plans are ongoing for the renovations, and there will likely continue to be a reduction in the stacks (they are culling atlases)

3. Departments are invited to help make decisions about what titles are being removed from the library and are encouraged to contact the library to provide feedback

4. At this time, it's not clear if departmental feedback on what titles should be kept will also be formally included in library decisions

E. Faculty Senate Executive Council for next year

1. Announcement of new leadership

VI. New Business

AI Policy (Ad-Hoc Committee)

1. idea: we don't want to reject the provost's recommendation and leave it there ... we want to bring a tangible recommendation or proposal alongside our rejection

2. Provost has invited our involvement but wants something by August 1

3. Given that it's summer (i.e. no senate meetings), we're charging an Ad-hoc committee to look at this over the summer

4. Provost did say that TTU-style guidelines should not be the policy because of their length but can be appended to it

5. Membership: Rob LeGrand, Tony Bartl, Alison Dushane, Andrew Siefker, Drew Curtis

6. Senators are encouraged to keep in touch with the committee if they have feedback

Final Comments as Faculty Senate President

VII. Roundtable

Drew Curtis: there's a get together at Angelo Ale House after the meeting

Andrew Siefker: we have two accounts to use for operations (there's an 0100 account – supplies only – and 0700 account – miscellaneous including food), use Alicia Crisp in the president's office as the point person, the Unit Manager for both accounts is President Hawkins

VIII. Adjournment: 3:57