

ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2024, 3:00 PM
UC 206

Tony Bartl President PSCI/PHL	x	Trey Holik Vice President PHY/GEO	x	Leah Carruth Secretary TED	x	Rusty Calk Parliamentarian AEF	x
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John Langdon AGRI	x	Melissa McDowell NURS	x	Christine Muelsch ENG/LANG	x	Rozie McCabe KIN	A
Saravanan Ramasamy CHEM	x	Gayle Randall M&M	x	Joel Carr SWK/SOC	A	Andrew Siefker MATH	x
Ben Skipper BIO	x	Deanna Watts POLS/PHIL	x	Roya Choupani CS	x	Nicole Lozano PSY	x
Taylor Gruman HIS	x	Vacant NURS(CLIN)					

Call to Order: 3:05 pm

I. Invited Guests

A.. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

II. Announcements and Questions

A. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs – graduation is next week, 2 ceremonies, graduating about 750 students total have applied. Ceremony should be about 1.5 hours each. If you need to be excused, send them to him. It is important that students/parents see us at graduation and we are important to them and they are important to us.

Request to look at turning AI detection of Turnitin back on. He likes what was written from Tony and our body. He will recommend it to the President and if the President likes it, the feature will be turned back on next semester. We owe it to our students to use it as a learning tool and not a sledgehammer. Reception for Dr. Jones today at 4:00.

III. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Moved: Rusty

Seconded: Gayle

Carries unanimously approved

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Bylaws and Standing Rules - Andrew Siefker - nothing to report

B. Academic Affairs - Allison Dushane - nothing at this time

C. University Affairs - Jacob Burtch - nothing at this time

D. Committee on Committees - Trey Holik - nothing to report

E. Library Committee (Ad-Hoc -Tony Bartl) - nothing to report

F. Committee on CDLI (Ad-Hoc - Tony Bartl) - nothing to report

V. Unfinished Business

A. Faculty Use of Turnitin AI Detection (Executive Committee/ad hoc) Dr. Topliff will talk with the President about turning it back on. Sounds positive. We haven't figured out where it will be located. This is a specific guideline tied to the specific tool of Turnitin AI Detection Software. Are there any objections to FS EC getting the guidelines to go forward, outside of it becoming an OP, since we will not meet again before this goes into effect if it is approved? There were no objections to this.

B. Constitution - Review of Article 3, Section 3 - nothing to report at this time

C. OP 06.17 Other Employment, Faculty Consulting, and Public Offices - out of committee. No one had any additional comments to bring to the FS. Changes pass unanimously.

VI. New Business

- A. OP 06.04, 06.05 EC does not think any changes are needed to 06.04 and it will be sent out to FS to share with departments for comments.
- B. OP 06.01, 06.22, 06.25 - have all been sent out to committee members
- C. OP 06.11, 06.12, 06.16 - have all been sent out to committee members
- D. Bookstore Issues - Continued problems with previous and current company. Wanted to survey faculty about thoughts on Bookstore, however, the survey fell through and discussion is needed. Faculty are moving to OER and printed materials instead of textbooks in part due to problems with the bookstore. The bookstore does not order enough books, but students still do not purchase them because the books arrive too late at times. Requiring faculty to place textbook orders so early does not help with course planning. Desk copies are not always getting delivered to the department. If someone would like to create a committee to draft a statement regarding the policy, it will be supported. The decision was made to bring it back to departments and ask for feedback about the Bookstore to have discussion in the Spring.
- E. Resident/Distance Faculty - Dean's Council brought up a distinction between faculty on campus and those at a distance. One college wants to hire remote faculty, but there is a lack of guidelines for that. Faculty member was told they could not teach remotely if their program is not completely online. Potential salary cuts were also discussed if faculty teach remotely. Bring this back to our departments and see about some ideas about how to look at potential guidelines. International faculty have to report to the

Labor Department for their place of employment. What do contracts mean for us in that we are required to do especially in summer when we are not technically on contract? If we teach one class in the summer does that mean all other duties are also in place? What about Program Directors? Is there a contract for that as well?

VII. Roundtable

- A. Faculty concern over CDLI remains high, and we are in contact with the Chair's Council as we consider how best to address these issues. Both FS and Chair's Council are looking at working on something in the Spring semester. Recommendations in 3-week wintermester classes are not going over with faculty because it is not making sense, such as group work in a 3-week course and not expecting students to look at syllabus for the due dates. Are all faculty receiving the same feedback or does it depend on the ID working with the faculty member?
- B. Who is policing the guidelines about the scooters? These should be going through the Dean of Students.
- C. Election will be held on Friday for Senator for Nursing
- D. Recycle glass with Deanna Watts
- E. Texas A&M Higher Ed looking at the role of Faculty Senates. They want to streamline processes and Faculty Senates are in the way. Our true power is in our voice and not in the Policies we work on.
- F. Resident/Distance Faculty: Some are doing a lot and some are not.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:15