**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**March 5, 2025**

**4:00-6:00 pm – JCK 880 and via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Stacey Bender, Dale Blasingame, Peter Dedek, Dave Donnelly,
Valentina Glajar, Kevin Jetton, William Kelemen, Russell Lang,

Lynn Ledbetter,Noland Martin, Adetty Pérez de Miles, Piyush Shroff, Lois Stickley, Michael Supancic, Steve Wilson

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Ryan Anderson, Amy Benton, Natalie Ceballos, Stacey Cropley,

Kristy Daniel, Erin Dorrell, Laura Franklin, Matt Hall, Samantha Krause,

 David Levy, Russell Moses, Pradeep Ramanathan, Karen Sigler

**Chair Ledbetter opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with remarks and comments**

1. **Welcome Comments and Announcements**
	1. Chair Ledbetter welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Senate officers
2. **Discussion of Zoom vs TEAMS Feedback plus IT Updates from Matt Hall, CIO**
	1. Currently, the TxState IT staff currently maintain 1,254 applications and on average, add 134 new applications annually
	2. Any application over $200,000 is getting looked at with the goal of removing similar applications with functional differences and the Zoom contract is up for renewal May 2025
	3. Zoom usage statistics were shared which include 27,000 meetings in Zoom .vs. 20,000 meetings in Teams and data is available drilling down to the number of users and minutes of usage including recurring Zoom meetings for a given semester and course
	4. The overwhelming feedback from faculty is a preference for teaching and collaborating is with Zoom
	5. Regarding the RCM rollout – an examination of what is in “the common good of the intuition” (e.g. a tool kit of software, resources, classroom space and more for everyone) is underway
	6. The overall goal is to sunset low-volume or limited usage applications as they come up for renewal
	7. ERP Project Update:
		* SAP was implemented 22 years ago as TxState transitions from hosted legacy applications
		* The goal is to move hosted on premises applications to Software as a Service online/cloud hosted applications
		* HR/Finance/Student Information system replacements are currently being reviewed and the 3 vendor solutions under consideration include Ellucian, Oracle and Workday
3. **Preliminary Discussion 2025-2026 Faculty Senate Fellow Call for Proposals**
	1. Various focus areas were mentioned during the meeting
	2. One recurring theme focused on Shared Governance**:** **How can the faculty voice be more useful (solicitation of faculty input on program development and other initiatives)**
4. **Announcements**
	1. Numerous search committees are currently active for different provost office positions and faculty senator invites to participate are forthcoming
	2. The University Leadership Assembly meeting will be on Tuesday, 3/18/2025 at 11am and Senators Ledbetter, Donnelly and Jetton will be in attendance
5. **PAAG Debrief (from February 26, 2025 Meeting)**
	1. General comments were made about the discussions and responses
	2. Our goal as a Faculty Senate has always been to support and help faculty
6. **Approval of the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**
	1. February 26, 2025 minutes were approved
7. **Faculty Senate Fellow Survey**
	1. Internal .vs. External Survey differences
	2. Many senators have already provided their feedback
8. **The Faculty Senate moved into an Executive Session to discuss:**
	1. Senate Elections Update
	2. University Lecturers Series Committee Recommendation were Approved
	3. Faculty Senate Fellow Survey
	4. Academic Governance Committee Concerns
9. **Meeting Adjourned**
	1. Chair Ledbetter adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

**The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be:**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in JCK 880 and via Zoom