**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**March 19, 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,Adetty Pérez de Miles, Piyush Shroff, Michael Supancic, Steve Wilson

**Members Absent:** Noland Martin, Lois Stickley

**Special Guests:** Thillainatrarajan Sivakumaran, Vedaraman Sriraman, Jeff Housman

**Guests:** Ryan Anderson, Cathy Cherrstrom, Stacey Cropley, Laura Ellis-Lai,

Lauren Goodley, Samantha Krause, Gloria Martinez Ramos,

Russell Moses, Pradeep Ramanathan, Bob Vásquez

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

1. **Welcome Comments and Announcements** 
   1. Vice-Chair Donnelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Senate officers
2. **Introduction of 2025-26 Faculty Senate Fellow and Discussion of Project**
   1. Shared Governance:
      * At our Texas peer institutions
      * What can we do to improve the faculty voice in matters related to program development and initiatives
      * More focused as it relates to the RCM budget model
   2. The call needs to be general and up to the applicant to delve into the different aspects, issues and opportunities
3. **Discussion of Senate Election Process**
   1. Motion made to modify the Faculty Senate Constitution
      * Change the faculty Opt-out to an Opt-In as a Faculty Senator candidate
      * If there is no election majority, the senate will facilitate a second ballot of the top vote getters
   2. An amendment to this Constitution is ratified when, by means of a secret ballot, at least two-fifths of the faculty voters cast ballots and two-thirds of those casting ballots vote in favor of the proposal
4. **Enrollment Management and Initiatives – from**

**Thillainatarajan Sivakumaran, Vice-President for TXST Global and**

**Vedaraman Sriraman, Vice-Provost for Academic Innovation and Success**

* 1. Shared the statistics for the intersessions, dual credit and online program initiatives
  2. New student application statistics and details including who was awarded scholarships and continued scholarships given their GPA’s
  3. Proposed associate degrees were only as an exit strategy so that the students at least earn something when leaving the program but ONLY if integrated into existing degree programs and there can be no recruiting and or advertisement of them
  4. Online courses/programs:
     + Accelerated Online Program (AOP) 8week format classes are funded differently and there is a Quality Matters rubric used to review/approve them, course content and assessment components are still faculty controlled.
     + Online sections generally fill first based on current student preferences
  5. Summer section enrollment and faculty pay determination changes
  6. Compressed Curriculum submission review cycle time frames

1. **Approval of the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**
   1. March 5, 2025 minutes were approved
2. **The Faculty Senate moved into an Executive Session to discuss:**
   1. Senate Elections Results
   2. University Lecturer Series (ULS) Funds
   3. Committee on Committees work is in-progress
3. **Meeting Adjourned** 
   1. Chair Ledbetter adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

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

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in JCK 880 and via Zoom