**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**June 11, 2025**

**3:00-5:00 pm – JCK 880 and via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Peter Dedek, Dave Donnelly, Reiko Graham, Stacy Hunter, Kevin Jetton, Lynn Ledbetter, Kim Lee, Piyush Shroff, Rolf Straubhaar,
Michael Supancic, Steve Wilson

**Members Absent:** Dale Blasingame, Valentina Glajar, Noland Martin

Guest Speakers: Thillainatarajan Sivakumaran, Mallory Sluder, Vedaraman Sriraman

University Star: Arabella DiChristina

**Guests:** Lauren Goodley, Lauren Ibarra, Adetty Pérez de Miles, Lois Stickley,
Bob Vásquez

**Chair Ledbetter opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with opening remarks and comments**

1. **Welcome Comments and Announcements**
	1. Chair Ledbetter welcomed everyone to the meeting
	2. The new senators were re-welcomed plus the Faculty Senate Teams site content and resources were shared along with the policy review process
2. **Approval of the Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**
	1. May 7, 2025 minutes were approved
3. **SB37 implications** for TX public community colleges, universities and health institutions Faculty Senates and the TXST Faculty Senate plan to be compliant:
	1. Detailed senate meeting agendas must be posted 7 days prior to the meeting
	2. Our meetings are already public via the zoom link
	3. Things for the Senate to consider this fall:
		* Meeting frequency
		* Presidential Academic Advisory Group meetings format and frequency
4. **International Students and TXST Global: (**Thillainatarajan Sivakumaran & Mallory Sluder):
	1. Visa appointments have been taken down/removed
	2. Recently, 12 countries are now banned for travel to/from which does affect our international students
	3. International policies are constantly in a state of flux with frequent changes
	4. Praised faculty for being a “shoulder of support” for international students
	5. Only 2 student visas have been revoked and were later reinstated
	6. Support for departments with high numbers of international students or have goals to attract are being provided
	7. TXST recruiting agents/partners are in place in various regions of the world
	8. Pre-arrival processes, student training topics and immigration resources are shared with all international students along with socially/culturally adaptive information and financial resources along with various recommendations which include social media postings
	9. Questions from the senators about international students being able to work both on and off campus were answered
	10. Updates were provided for Fall 2026 enrollments, supporting faculty lines, intersessions, Accelerated Online Programs, partnership programs and a new nursing program in San Marcos with CHRISTUS Hospital San Marcos
5. **SB37 and the Provost office**
	1. Will need a new policy for the senate appointments
6. **The Faculty Senate moved into an Executive Session to discuss:**
	1. Mace Bearer schedule for Faculty Senators
	2. Committee Appointments
	3. SB37 Implications and Plans
7. **Meeting Adjourned**
	* + Chair Ledbetter adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in JCK 880 and via Zoom