

**ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**1 p.m., April 15, 2020**

**Remotely held via Zoom by Executive Committee due to ongoing COVID-19 situation**

Crystal Kreidler President PSY	X	Rozena McCabe Vice President KIN	X	William Taylor Secretary SSCJ	X	Twyla Tasker Parliamentarian C&I	X
Lee Atkins  PT		Anthony Bartl  PSCI/PHL		Alfred Beccera  NURS (Clin)		Jennifer Braziel  NURS	
Jay Brown  HSP		David Faught  ENG/LANG	X	Mark Hama  ENG/LANG	X	Larry Hettick  M&M	
John Kellermeier  AGRI		Heather Lehto  PHYS/GEO		Sarah Lynch  HIST		Flor Madero  COMM	
Vincent Mangano  AEF		Nick Negovetich  BIO		Aldo Pinon- Villarreal CIV ENG		Lopa Roychoudhuri CS	
Christopher Shar  SW		Andrew Siefker  MATH	X	Matt Shipes  VPA-Music	X	Marva Solomon  T.Ed.	
Ralph Zehnder  CHEM							

**Call to Order @ 1:00 p.m.**

**I. Invited Guests**

- A. Angie Wright, Interim President and VP for Finance and Administration – not present
- B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs – present
- C. Dr. Javier Flores, VP for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management – not present
- D. Christopher Houston, Staff Senate President – not present
- E. Austin Habecker, Student Senate President – not present

**II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

RM moved to approve the February minutes, and WT seconded.

The minutes from the February Faculty Senate meeting were unanimously approved.

There was no March Faculty Senate meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

**III. Standing Committee Reports**

- A. Academic Affairs (Dr. Mark Hama)

- i. No report
- B. Bylaws and Standing Rules (Dr. Andrew Siefker)
  - i. No report
- C. University Affairs (Dr. William Taylor)
  - i. No report
- D. Student Affairs (Dr. David Faught)
  - i. No report
- E. External Affairs (Dr. Matt Shipes)
  - i. No report
- F. Committee on Committees (Dr. Rozie McCabe)
  - i. RM sent out the survey from the Committee on Committees to all faculty, soliciting faculty preferences for committee assignments. RM encouraged all faculty, including those at a distance and adjunct faculty, to feel free to volunteer to serve as they see fit. Faculty Senate will consolidate survey responses and assign faculty to various committees.

#### **IV. Unfinished Business**

- A. President's Awards Recipients
  - i. CK noted that the Faculty Senate received a record 41 total nominations for the 2019/2020 ASU President's Awards for Faculty Excellence in the three main areas of faculty performance. All faculty senators who are not part of the Executive Committee comprised the Semi-Finalist Selection Committee and have selected the five (5) Semi-Finalist Award winners in each area. The Executive Committee comprised the University Level Review Committee, has selected a single exemplary finalist in each area, and has forwarded its recommendations to the Provost, who fully supports them. The ceremony to recognize these faculty members and selected finalists has been postponed to a later date to be announced.
- B. Workload Calculation (OP 06.02)
  - i. WT noted that the faculty senators on the University Affairs Committee diligently worked to add #11 and to ensure that #11 was consistent with the language in #6. Once the University Affairs Committee completed its work, it unanimously approved these changes. CK sent the revised OP 06.02 to all faculty senators and committee chairs for input, which was added to these revisions. There was a discussion regarding bylaws and process for the electronic approval of this OP by the Faculty Senate. The Executive Committee unanimously passed these revisions and will now request an electronic vote by the Faculty Senate. TT will send an email to all faculty senators requesting that they vote yea or nay for the revised OP approved by the Executive Committee.

C. Faculty Responsibilities and Duties (OP 06.14)

- i. CK noted that MH and the Academic Affairs Committee have made revisions to OP 06.14. All Faculty Senate committee chairs should query their respective committee members for input. Two major issues are how to incorporate ADA access and updates from the state of Texas, which are still being considered and worked.

D. Committee Chairs to Collect Input on OP 06.14

- i. CK noted that all Faculty Senate committee chairs should send the revised OP 06.14 to their respective committee members to solicit their input.

E. Faculty Select Committee Update

- i. CK noted that as Faculty Senate President she reached out to Andy Wallace, Faculty Select Committee Chair, who reported that the FSC will not meet until Fall 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

F. Faculty IDEA in Spring 2020

- i. CK noted that there are widespread faculty concerns regarding IDEA in Spring 2020 based on the ongoing COVID-19 situation and its impact on IDEA results. DT noted that there are several initiatives aimed at aiding the transition to an online environment, including extending the drop date and ensuring that IDEA is only one part of faculty evaluation. RM, MH, AS, and DF discussed where the ownership of IDEA resides, either at the university or with the faculty, as the central issue. CK stressed that inclusion of all faculty and faculty senate is critical to this process because IDEA is a vital issue to all faculty. CK discussed OP 06.27, Item 2c, dealing with a faculty member removing students from IDEA who have not attended the majority of the semester.

G. Added IDEA Items for SACSCOC

- i. CK requested from Deans Council that Faculty Senate be involved in any discussion regarding added IDEA items for faculty. DT noted that SACSCOC revised standards prior to our five year report, which was one of only 5 out of 80 institution reports accepted by SACSCOC without any comments. Four institutional questions have been added that are necessary for our ten year report based on revised SACSCOC standards. These four questions are global in nature and not based on individual faculty performance. AS noted concern about added IDEA items and recommended that these new items be moved to a separate data collection mechanism apart from IDEA.

H. Officer and Senator Elections

- i. Regarding senator elections, CK noted that departments with faculty senators at the end of their 3-year term should hold department elections as governed by the by-laws. Regarding officer elections, WT noted that the Faculty Senate on April 1 sent a call for nominations to all faculty senators. The Faculty Senate

on April 8 sent a ballot with all nominations received to all faculty senators. The Faculty Senate tallied all ballots received, and the results for officer elections for next year were the following: Flor Madero, vice president; Christopher Shar, secretary; and Twyla Tasker, parliamentarian.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Online Faculty Community**

- i. CK noted the Online Faculty Community in Blackboard, which gets updated weekly. In the OFC, faculty can find helpful articles and resources dealing with online platforms and pedagogies intended to help faculty during this rapid transition to an online environment.

### **B. Leadership Transition**

- i. DT noted that Angie Wright has agreed to serve as Interim President and VP for Finance and Administration. The enduring values of ASU will continue in the midst of this leadership transition. The Board of Regents will work with ASU to conduct a national search for this position. CK noted concern with the manner in which the announcement arrived but encouraged faculty to continue their valuable work through this transition.

## **VI. Roundtable**

- A. DT noted that ASU is doing a great job delivering curriculum and awarding degrees during a difficult situation. DT noted that Summer I will be all online and that a decision on whether Summer II will be all online will be announced by June.
- B. RM noted the value of having an AAUP chapter in addition to Faculty Senate in order to bolster efforts for faculty.
- C. DF noted that book orders for Fall 2020 are due today.
- D. AS acknowledged the efforts of Crystal Kreidler, Faculty Senate president, during a challenging time, and the entire Executive Committee echoed his sentiments.

## **VII. Adjournment – 2:49 p.m.**