

The University of Texas at Tyler

Office of the Faculty Senate

Thursday, April 15, 2021
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Attendees: Lynette Sutter, Amentahru Wahlrab, Alyssa Gill, Julie Delello, Colleen Swain, Amir Mirmiran, Rick Helfers, Sheldon davis, Colin Snider, Cynthia Scott, Zahide Sunal, Cindy Strawn Premananda Indic, Nicole Schugel, Margo Duncan, Kim Elliott, David Barron, Lynn Harris, Osama Shoair, Lauren Hendley, Saren Spicer, Jerry Ledlow, Ona Tolliver, Muthukrishnan Sathyamoorthy, Torry Tucker, Brittany Childs, Barbara Wooldridge, Christine Forisha, Sarah Norrell, Matt Stith, Lauren Kirby, Crystal Frazier, Christy Graves, Ali Azghani, Christopher Thomas, Yonjoo Cho, Kent Willis, Elizabeth Sills, Gina Doepker, Joshua Neaves, M Gail Weatherly, Randy LeBlanc, Cheryl Parker, Jessica Escareno, Janet Gehring, Kerrie Anne Ambort-Clark, Vanessa Casanova, Sarah Sass, EBattle, Fernando Resende, Kathleen Helgesen, Takova WallaceGay, Hannah Buchanan, Venugopal Gopalakrishna-Remani, Kevin Moore, Christine Gipson, Matthew Brinton, Amy T, Mary Fischer, Beverley Golden, Brenda Burton, Mandy Link, Kim Nimon, Ginny Fender, Tiya Johnson, Ramona Grad, crutledge, Colleen Marzilli, A. Watkins, John Yoder, Katie Anders, Pierre Neuenschwander, Vandy Dubre, Hannah Buchanan, Shaadi Khademi, Vivek Pandey, LeeAnn Fabry, Woonhee Sung, Yanira Oliveras Ortiz, Olivia Paek, Jason Smee, Julie Phillely, Jeffrey Levin, Barbara Haas, James Ji, Sydni Blundell, David Christian, S. Whatley, Catherine Ross, Jack Lanier, Pamela Beall, Michael, Racheal Harrington, Mike Morris, Christie, Christian Alvarado, Patti Olusola, Olga Berkout, X. Neil Dong, Gisele Abron, Amy Hayes, Julie Delello, Kent Willis, EWest, Shaadi Khademi, Mary Logan, Rodrigo Rocha, Gracy Buentello, Takova WallaceGay, Christian Alvarado, Carl Baranowski, Janice Miles, Michelle Crum, Lauren Hendley, Sam Carrell, William Geiger, Sarah Chadee, David Hill, Kim Laird, Thom Maryon, Pam Maryon, Coby Dillard, Harrison Ndetan, Andrew Pettee, Kouider Mokhtari, belliot,

12:30

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Rick Helfers

- Dr. Calhoun had conflict apologizes for not being able to meet with us today
- We made it through the semester. Our campus community was able to handle COVID quite well. Didn't experience any increase in late Jan, after spring break or even after the Gov relaxed the protocols.
- Even though this is the last meeting of the spring academic semester, we will have meeting this summer so mark you calendar for our May meeting—May 20

12:35

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Dr. Amentahru Wahlrab

- Minutes from March were approved

12:40

Provost Updates

Dr. Amir Mirmiran

- SACS visit went well. Louanne Berman did a wonderful job. Nothing but compliments about the presentation and the merger. The next document for SACS is September 8, 2021. The work is ongoing. But the provost wants to express his gratitude to the entire team.

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- Fall senate will be lunches in person (let it be noted that the Provost was joking and that this has yet to be confirmed)
- Dr. Philley on travel restrictions. Will allow regular travel starting September 1, 2021. Summer will be case by case. No international travel for foreseeable future. Things are still fluid (both domestic and international).
- Fall classes need to be over 50% face-to-face otherwise must send change to SACS
- We cannot require anyone to vaccinate. But we can use this opportunity to educate the community.
- Not sure about funding for travel until budget is allocated next month.
- How to communicate the message about the importance of vaccination.
- Discussion of vaccine access. Possible clinics at the North Campus. Net Health has lots of openings at this moment.
- Tenure clock fall 20 or spring 21 plus 3rd year review extension. Can extend all the way up until the June 1 of the year they were originally expected to go up.
- Open Educational Resource opportunity. Plus we are encouraged to use free books or see if the library has access. Possible release time for creating courses that depend on OER.
- 15k per department for Student Success.

12:55

Syllabi and Canvas

Dr. Colin Snider

- Syllabi requirements have been simplified. University policies, etc will be placed on canvas.

1:00

Student Conduct

Mr. David Hill

- Academic misconduct is on the rise over time.
- Spread the word about David Hill's office. He's willing to come to faculty meeting, classes, etc.

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Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Rick Helfers

- At large senate positions filled:
 - Fill 2 year term: Dr. Staci Zolkoski, College of Education and Psychology, School of Education
 - Fill 3 year term (full professor): Dr. Muthukrishna Sathyamoorthy
- New college elections for senate seats should be happening now.

1:30

Adjournment