

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Office of the Faculty Senate

**April 11, 2024**

12:30 – 1:50

**Hybrid Meeting**

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	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
<b>At Large</b>	Yonjoo Cho *	Nelson Fumo *	Staci Zolkoski
<b>CAS</b>	Joseph Vandehey *	Vacant	Elizabeth (Cory) Sills * Kenneth Bryant
<b>Soules College of Business</b>	Rochell McWhorter *	Vivek Pandey *	Brent Beal
<b>CEP</b>	Lauren Kirby	Forrest Kaiser *	Ramona Grad *
<b>COE</b>	Mohammad (Rafe) Biswas *	Chung Goh	Aaditya Khanal
<b>CNHS</b>	Julie George	Dixie Rose *	Gina Dudley *
<b>COP</b>	Yanyan Wang	Ayman Hamouda	Santosh Aryal *
<b>Library</b>	Lori Fregoso *	Nicholas Bambach *	Michael Skinner *
<b>SHP</b>	Kimberly Elliott *	Jessica Escareno	Ahmed Abdelal *
<b>SOM</b>	Jessica Bracks	James Menard	Pierre Neuenschwander *

\* means member was in attendance.

**Senate Executive Officers 2023 - 2024**

Amentahru Wahlrab *	Joshua Banta *
President	President-Elect
Harrison Ndetan *	Richard Helfers *
Past President	Parliamentarian
Staci Zolkoski	Dixie Rose *
Secretary	Treasurer

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**Zoom Attendance**

Rhiannon Meyer, Lori Fregoso Pierre Neuenschwander, Gina Nickels-Nelson, Nick Bambach, Lauri John, Wendy Duncan, Kim Nimon, Matthew Mekalip, Sarah Norrell, Christy Gipson, John Yoder, Jaema Krier, Santosh Aryal, Kevin Gosselin, Fletcher Njororai, Kimberly Elliott, Michael Skinner, Forrest Kaiser, Pamela Beall, Lorri Allen, Cindy Strawn, Cory Sills, Lynn

Harris, Krist Swinberghe, Mohammad Biswas, Hannah Buchanan, Mohammad (Rafe) Biswas, Joseph Vandehey, Becky McKay, Nelson Fumo, Kaylin Moore,

### **In Person Attendance**

Amentahru Wahlrad, Josh Banta, Dixie Rose, Yonjoo Cho, Glenn Barnes, David Dedu, Rick Helpers, Viveck Pandey, Kouider Makhtari, Colleen Swain, David Barron, Sarah Bowdin, Amir Mirmiran, Mena Souliman, Yvonne Ralph, Ramona Grad, Dawn Sousa Hearn, Mary Logan, Kim Livingston Cobb, Stephanie Fenter, Julie Philley, Andy Krouse, Lisa Bush, Robert Cromley, Gwen Williams, Crystal Bays,

### **12:30 Welcome and Call to Order Dr. Amentahru Wahlrab**

- Welcome to everyone!
- Tomorrow is East Texas Research Conference
  - Lots of students and colleagues presenting
- Dixie Rose is acting as Secretary for Staci Zolkoski who was not able to attend.

### **Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Dr. Dixie Rose**

- Minutes have been posted.
- Dixie asked for everyone to sign in via the chat box on zoom or the papers on each table.
- Minutes were approved.

### **President Updates - President Calhoun**

Dr. Wahlrad – President Calhoun isn't here today – there are no updates.

### **Provost Updates – Dr. Amir Mirmiran**

- Summer enrollment is up – we are 10% up over last year.
  - Graduate level – seems to be 40% of our enrollment is coming on the graduate side.
- We got some updates from David regarding FASFA with all issues that we have. We are hopeful fall will be another great enrollment for:
  - Incoming Freshmen
  - Incoming transfer students
  - Renewing
  - Hopefully with retention we will avoid summer melt and have a good number of students coming back this summer.
- April is last month of academic year. Month we celebrate research and scholarship.
  - Lyceum – April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Graduate School – three-minute thesis – April 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Celebration of Scholarship – Dean of Libraries – not enough RSVPs, cancel luncheon.
    - Magazine will go out to capture work done by faculty on research and scholarship.
  - East Texas Research Conference (April 12<sup>th</sup>)
    - First time partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.

- First meeting with AI – Artificial Intelligence Academic Committee
  - First meeting with committee – rep from each college and school.
  - Learned a lot about type of work faculty are using AI. Four things:
    - Integrity and Ethics
      - Come up with a policy that needs to be incorporated in the syllabus.
    - Create a resource center – Canvas and website – all information needed in terms of resources available and initiatives we are doing.
      - Marketing and Office of Digital Learning
    - Training for faculty and students.
      - CETL
      - Campus-wide training as part of orientation and onboarding
        - What’s appropriate and what’s not?
        - Add to courses – help students learn what’s appropriate and what’s not.
    - Process needing to take to create new courses and how to integrate AI into existing courses.
      - Great initiatives in HRD, and English department, and Lit. and Lang, and nursing department.
  - There are changes daily – need to stay up on it. This is new future of higher education.

Dr. Wahrab - Concern of catching students who are using AI – how do I find out if students are using AI in a way they shouldn’t be?

Dr. Mirmiran – this is part of what the group will be doing.

- Software available – policies and communicating to students.
- Process for integrating into syllabus and professional development for faculty.
- Rely on Dr. Bach Center for Ethics

#### **Dr. Philly and EVP for Health Affairs**

- Yesterday was the site visit from the Coordinating Board for our PhD in Integrated Biomedical Sciences.
  - Dr. Pierre Nuenchwanders works very hard.
  - Successful day.
  - Hopefully it will start next year.
- Legislative hearings will start.
  - Amir, Stephanie, myself, and Dr. Calhoun will be working on legislative priorities for the university – will be communicating those as we formulate a plan.

#### **Mr. Robert Cromley – Executive Director for Emergency Management and Safety**

- Fall parking and updates about what we are doing.

- Put in a new parking lot – adding back Lot 4 by the bell tower – a little over 100 spaces for faculty and staff only.
- Provost and committee working on class times and looking at helping that manage parking – class times and number of students on campus at any given time.
  - Every day is a busy day on campus 9:00 up until at least noon – potentially 2000 cars on campus.
    - We have 2,039 parking spaces on campus for everybody.
      - Students, faculty, staff, and whoever is here.
  - Work with event staff for events on campus – severely impacts parking for everyone.
    - Maybe schedule those better.
- Lot 6 – lot 6 extension – make it larger – 21 spaces – get in another 60 spaces – to make it 80 and make it a two-way street.
  - Late fall, early next year project.
- Increase in students and enrollment makes it difficult for students on campus and resident hall.
  - Liberty Victory Village will be changes to a resident permit – cannot park on campus.
- Question from audience asked about shuttle service.
  - Shuttle service hasn't generally been very productive.
    - 5 riders in 4 weeks – not productive enough for what it costs.
  - Nursing school renovation will be completed this summer.
    - Parking will come back which will help.
- Question from audience about opinion on parking enforcement.
  - You will not have a hangtag anymore.
    - License plate recognition – tied to permit.
    - Will be able to recognize quicker – camera will be able to read every license plate – easier for attendants to find.
    - Make sure we get collection of fines.
      - Holds on transcripts.
      - Can't buy permit with outstanding citations.
      - Little more enforcement on frequent offenders.
        - \$250 or more – we will be booting vehicles.
    - About 950 citations and another 400 or so in warning citations.
- Parking coordinator at One-Stop Shop.
- Please contact our parking coordinator or contact my office. Go to the website or the parking portal for information.
- One event coming up – we do every year or twice a year – bring food for the food pantry, you can have a citation waived if you bring at least 5 items. The citation has to be less than \$100.
- New signage for reserved parking this year.
  - Not painting curbs anymore.
  - If you have a reserved space, you'll have a number and can park there.

- Going to be restriping this summer and repainting pavement that is reserved to make it clearer.
- Restriping lot 8 and others.

### **Lisa Bush – Associate VP of Research Administration**

- Used to lead human research protections program for both campuses and the hospital system.
- Lots of changes on the back side more than what you will see on the front side.
  - We want to make sure we maintain our daily operations when servicing everyone.
    - Sponsor programs
    - Research compliance
    - Human research protection programs
  - Restructuring the sponsored programs group
    - No longer two separate offices on each campus
    - One team
      - Broken into a pre-award team.
      - Post award team.
    - 100% satisfaction is the goal.
    - Better and streamline.
    - Online submission system.
      - Cayuse
      - Click link within email – nice program and easy to use.
        - Please reach out if you do have questions.
- Please reach out and come visit my office.
- My transition was March 10<sup>th</sup> – appreciate patience and kindness as getting acclimated.
  - Dr. Carla Rickard is the pre-proposal contact.
  - Angela Nunez will probably be post-award contact.
  - We will also have grants accounting who will be invoices grant to funding source.
  - Happy to share any points of contacted needed.
  - Working towards proposal system for applications.
  - Looking at consistency.

### **Dr. Kouider Mokhtari – Updates**

- April 12<sup>th</sup> is the start of East Texas Research conference.
  - 210 people registered.
  - Welcome from Dr. Mokhtari and Dr. Calhoun
  - 45 paper presentations
  - 54 poster sessions
  - Lunch provided
  - Networking and collaborations
  - Dr. Rob Carpenter as keynote during lunch
  - Awards for top 3

- April 18<sup>th</sup> – 3 winners announced at award luncheon.

### **Senate Updates - Dr. Amentahru Wahrab**

- President Elect-elect – September 1<sup>st</sup> is his first meeting.
- Josh Banta will move into President position.
- Dr. Glenn Barnes is the new president-elect.
  - School of Nursing
  - 33 years as a nurse
  - 28 years in military
  - Leader as an officer in charge and task force team and well as war-based deployment.
  - Been here for 3 years – impressed with UT Tyler.
- Tomorrow is Big HOP committee meeting.
  - Rep for that or college faculty rep.
    - Please make sure you are paying attention.
      - Termination policy
- End nominations for Senate at-Large
  - 5 sent in blubs of 8 nominated
    - Please get vote out. Wonderful so many are willing to serve.
- If you are a senator from one of the schools, colleges, or library – each area has three representatives.
  - Must attend senate meetings.
  - 1/3 of senate rotates off and next 1/3 from college for a batch of class of 2027 senators starting in September.
  - Elected positions
  - Class of 2025 – and you step down – someone who replaces you will serve the rest of your term and not a 3-year term.
- May meeting is in the alumni house

1:50 – meeting adjourned.