



Faculty Senate Minutes

February 10, 2021

Senate Leadership in Attendance

Bill Carroll, Chair

Kayunta Johnson-Winters, Secretary

Jackie Fay, Chair Elect/Vice Chair

Heather Jacobson, Parliamentarian

Tatia Jordan, TCOFS Representative

Guests

David Silva-Shorthorn

Antoinette Sol-Provost's Office

Margaret Jackymack, Staff Advisory Council

Attendance

Roxanne	Zascavage	COLA	Criminology and Criminal Justice
Qinhong	Hu	COS	EES
Alan	Cannon	COB	INSY
Christy	Spivey	COB	Economics
Ramez	Elmasri	Engineering	CSE
Andrzej	Korzeniowski	COS	Mathematics
Changhee	Chun	COLA	Art and Aret History
Venkat	Devarajan	COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING	Electrical Engineering
Sergio	Espinosa	COLA	Music
			Mechanical and Aerospace
Alan	Bowling	College of Engineering	Engineering
Brent	Boyea	COLA	Political Science
Stefan	Romanoschi	COE	Civil Engineering
CATHELEEN	JORDAN	Social Work	Social Work
Blaize	LaFleur		Student Government
Srinivas	Prabakar	College of Engineering	Civil Engineering
William	Crowder	COB	Economics
Karla	Arenas-Itotia	School of Social work	School of Social Work
Jodi	Tommerdahl	Education	Curriculum & Instruction
David	Levine	COE	CSE
Stephen	Mattingly	COE	Civil Engineering
Atefe	Makhmalbaf	CAPPA	Architecture
Karabi	Bezboruah	CAPPA	Public Affairs and Planning
Manfred	Huber	COE	Computer Science & Engineering

Chris	Morris	COLA	History
Deana	Furr	CONHI	Nursing, Undergrad NTT
Melissa	Walsh	CoS	Biology
Kaushik	De	COS	Physics
Anne	Nordberg	Social Work	Social Work
Kathryn	Warren	COLA	English
Nilakshi	Veerabathina	COS	Physics
Matthew	Fujita	COS	Biology
Amy	Austin	COLA	Modern Languages
Jeff	McGee	COB	MANA
Patti	Allard	CONHI	undergraduate
Doug	Grisaffe	Business	Marketing
Aimee	Israel-Pelletier	CoLA	MODL
Jared	Kenworthy	College of Science	Psychology
	Burgess-		
Keith	Jackson	COLA	Philosophy and Humanities
Julienne	Greer	CoLA	Theatre Arts
Jing	Wang	College of Nursing and Health Innovation	Graduate Nursing
Naoko	Witzel	CoLA	Linguistics & TESOL
Imre	Demhardt	CoLA	History

Call to Order: Bill Carroll (2:00 P.M.)

There are no presentations from the president or the provost and they will not be attending.

COACHE: Did send an email about an hour ago summarizing the situation since the survey was deleted. Bill received the email and was able to complete it. It took several days to figure out what was happening. There were some individuals who reported the email as spam to OIT. Just found out this morning and will be working on a plan to complete the survey. COACHE will follow up with reminders to anyone who does not submit the survey. Bill will ask COACHE to relaunch the survey. We will have to make sure that OIT doesn't block them. We work hard to make sure that these problems don't occur, but it only takes one person to drop the ball.

Questions from chat: In the reminder, can we get the unique link? Jackie said "yes" in the chat.

Heather Jacobson: For colleagues whose emails were deleted, should we just tell them to look for a future link?

Bill: Yes.

Kaushik De: For people who have already taken the survey, will COACHE not allow them to take it again, as they are tracking it?

Bill: That is correct. You can only submit once. Once you submit your final answers, you cannot resubmit?

Senator: If COACHE relaunches the survey, that will not erase the answers that have already been submitted will it?

Bill: We will have to talk to COACHE about this. Cannot say with 100% certainty.

The purpose of this special session is to work on the letter to the chancellor. Bill had a conversation with the Chancellor, who said that he was committed to a search. He has no intention of doing what was done at UT-Austin. The Regents and the Chancellor are not ready to start a search because they are concerned about attracting the strongest candidates. The people that they would like to attract are busy dealing with COVID issues at their current institutions and would probably be reluctant to apply to new positions. The Regents would want to do face to face interviews. He is willing to talk to PAC if we want him to do that. He has a firm commitment for the search.

Jackie and Bill worked on the letter and received revisions from PAC. This is the version from the PAC. Goal is the write this with the knowledge of what the chancellor said to Bill. It would be great to agree to the final wording. Approve in final form today, or in principle finish offline as an alternative.

Did discuss what we were doing with Dr. Lim so that he would know what we were doing. It is better to hear it from us than to hear rumors that might not be correct. He commented not to put his name in the letter. His name is not in the letter.

Senators went through revision of the letter.

Motion to accept the letter with the understanding that PAC will make minor changes.

45 in favor.

0 not in favor.

0 abstentions.

Bill: DEI VP- email went out, but the intention was that it went out to PAC. However, if you have accepted, please attend if you would like. Also, it will be an open forum type meeting and you can ask whatever question that you wish.

The rest of the agenda was delayed until the faculty senate regular meeting in two weeks. We will discuss the budget model at that time.

Jackie Fay: A lot of conversation around campus about classes in the fall and vaccinations. We need to collect questions and relay those to the administration.

2:43 P.M. adjourned.