

## **FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES– September 3, 2024**

Present: Jason Lee Davis, Maggie Salem, Mei Jiang, Tami Morton, Stephen Starnes, Zachary Palmer, William Kuracina, Carrie Kypchak, Josephine Dunkin, Avril Knox, Hunker Gizem Yesilyurt, Ozum Yesiltas, Rusty Fox, Kelly Featherston, Carlos Bertulani, Omar El Ariss, Brandon Randolph-Seng, Jeanette Vaughn, Julia Ballenger, Nikolay Sirakov, Leslie Ekpe, Adam Northam, Hongmei Jia

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Approval of May Meeting minutes with correction made by Dr. Hongmei Jia  
Dr. Atinc distributed the Faculty Senate budget for 2024-2025 that was submitted to the Provost's office.

New Senators were welcomed and introduced.

The name change of the university was discussed

- Draft a letter about financial concerns; the Senate wants to be involved.
- The Faculty Senate unanimously approved that Dr. Atinc will draft a letter to be the voice of the Faculty Senate regarding the name change.

Election of Committee Chairs took place.

The below list was unanimously accepted by faculty senate.

- Dr. Stephen Starnes, Chair of Admission and Retention of Students
- Dr. Zachary Palmer, Chair of Academic Life and Academic Practice
- Dr. William Kuracina, Chair of Organization of Senate
- Dr. Tami Morton, Chair of Curriculum
- Dr. Hongmei Jia, Chair of Awards
- Dr. Kypchack, Budget
- Dr. Jason Davis, Webmaster
- Dr. Kelly Featherstone, Secretary
- Dr. Brandon Randolph- Seng, Faculty Senate representative on university Core Curriculum Committee and Compliance Committee
- Dr. Zachary Palmer, Faculty Senate Representative on Honors Council

Dr. Atinc shared about the Texas A&M Assembly of Faculty Senates- an invitation for Focus Group Study. The topic was communicated as “shared governance” issues.

Meeting with Chancellor Sharp and Vice-Chancellor Hallmark, September 6, 2024.

- Name Change issues might be discussed.
- Representations on Chancellor search committee might be discussed.

Save the Date for Faculty Awards Ceremony.

- Senators should ask Faculty which dates in April 16, 17, 18
- The attendance issue for the Awards Luncheon was discussed.

Dr. Atinc informed that T&P policy revisions were sent out over the summer and that she got minimal feedback from the Faculty Senate.

The newly revised policy is being circulated and will come back for voting.

The university handbook was revised and updated. Dr. Atinc asked senators to review it online and provide feedback.

Dr. Atinc informed the Faculty Senate that Dr. April Sanders is now in charge of the academic processes in Dallas. She will be the go-to person for faculty issues.

The meeting closed at 3:24 pm.