

WTAMU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2024

Attended: Kenneth Leitch, Gary Byrd, Nancy Garcia-Franken, Fisseha Alemayehu, Brandon Bang, Kristy Bartlett, Chelsea Kuehler, David Craig, Traci Fredman, Bridget Guerrero, Callie Hisek, Turkan Kilic, Blake Price, Matt Reardon, Jim Rogers, Laura Reyher, John Shanks, Brandli Stitzel, Shiquan Tao, Vinu Unnikrishnan, Kerrie Young

Absent: Leon Chen, David Hart, David Howe, Audrey Meador, Shanna Peeples

Proxies:

Guests: None

The regular meeting of the West Texas A&M Faculty Senate on Oct. 11, 2024, was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Kenneth Leitch in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center's Eternal Flame room.

Approval of Prior Meetings

The minutes for the regular meetings on Sept. 27 were reviewed. David Craig moved to approve the minutes with corrections (i.e., name corrections). The motion was seconded and passed.

Officer's Reports and Remarks

President

Kenneth Leitch met with Provost Terry on Oct. 8. Topics discussed included:

1. Faculty Development Leave: sent out to faculty and could go as late as Feb. 2025
2. Piper and Regents Professor nominations are in progress.
3. Merit Pay: The system might have a document with information about merit pay that the Equity Pay Ad Hoc Committee can use. Kenneth Leitch will check back in.
4. Faculty Senate meeting decorum: senators should feel free to participate in discussion.

President's Council and President Wendler's meeting is on Oct. 15.

President-Elect

No new business to report.

Secretary

No new business to report.

Committee Reports

Faculty Handbook Committee

David Craig has been selected as the chair of the Faculty Handbook Committee. The committee will likely meet next week to discuss Required Employee Training formally.

Joint Faculty/Student Committee on Academic Affairs

Brandon Bang has been selected as the chair of the Joint Faculty/Student Committee on Academic Affairs. The committee will meet with the president of the Student Government Association next week.

Equity Pay Ad Hoc Committee

A chair will be selected for the Equity Pay Ad Hoc Committee chair before the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

The Digital Textbook Survey results were reviewed, and information about McGraw Hill's campus visit on Oct. 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Procard and CBA Credit Card Survey results were also reviewed.

New Business

The Faculty Development Leave (FDL) application deadline is Oct. 15. Senators were reminded to encourage applications.

President Walter Wendler will continue meeting with the colleges. Topics of discussion include merit, enrollment, textbooks, etc.

Upcoming in October 2024

Comprehensive Post-Tenure Review committees will be put together in an upcoming meeting in October.

We are accepting Faculty Development Leave (FDL) applications through Oct. 15, but the deadline will likely be extended to accept applications.

Adjournment

Callie Hisek moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully,

Nancy García-Franken