

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: March 6, 2026 **Time:** 1:00 PM **Location:** The Oak Room

1. Attendance

1.1. Members Present

- Chris Hudson, President
- Asanga Ranasinghe, Vice-President
- Piper Johansen, Parliamentarian
- Pam Ortega, Secretary
- Treiva Daniels
- Lynne Kenney sub for Delane McUne
- Annette Watts
- Letha Black
- Michael Hart
- Rashmi Pillai
- Stephen Malley
- Sara Welshimer
- Tanner Hargrove

Guests: Tina Babb, Frank Sobey

1.2. Members Absent

- Brent Gandy
 - Derreck Jett
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2. Approval of Minutes

Sara Welshimer moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Piper Johansen. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3. Old Business

- Waitlist for students-Frank is creating guidelines/protocols for implementation. Will be added to the Academic Affairs Manual
- Committee Reports
 - Emeritus Committee-5 nominations-is it 3 or 5 years after retirement? Asanga will verify.
 - Elections Committee-Letters for faculty and deans ready to send, set April 15 as date to collect volunteers/nominations

- TCCTA-Robert Fulton, Chris Hudson and Sara Welshimer attended the conference in February.
- Faculty Development-first time no complaints after ACES, plan to keep future conferences the same as this year
- Faculty Committee-new form to ask for volunteers, will send out next week
- Rank and Tenure-Faculty senate rep will serve as active member of the committee
- HR-Steve attended a meeting about HR. Committee members were asked many questions. Dr. Coleman took notes and will address issues. We will invite Dr. Coleman to our April meeting.

3. New Business

- Dr. Connor-President's report
 - Strategic plan-next step in March
 - Facilities master plan-6 months to create the plan
 - VP of Business Affairs position- will be posted soon
 - Enrollment is up
 - Badger Bound taking off
 - Pilot for co-enrollment with Texas Tech
 - IO-consultant to get better vision
 - PBS-grant for equipment, consultant for fundraising
 - Athletics-evaluation- gameplan to make it sustainable
 - Child care facility-important for community, but are they serving our students, what works for our students and community, tokens for child care facility is a possibility
 - ARC-looking for funding and get baseline for their budget each year
 - She is on 2 off site SACS committees
 - 2026-2027 budget in process
 - Reevaluate handicap parking, emergency management plans, etc. with police department
- Job description for Senate Historian position
 - Possibly need to add officers as backup
 - Steve moved to add amendment and approve job description. Seconded by Asanga. Unanimously approved.
 - Nominations: Nathan Frieml, Piper Johansen, will discuss further in April

5. Open Forum:

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM. The motion to adjourn was made by Piper and seconded by Asanga. Next meeting is April 10.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Ortega, Secretary Faculty Senate