

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2026 **Time:** 1:00 PM **Location:** The Oak Room

1. Attendance

1.1. Members Present

- Chris Hudson, President
- Piper Johansen, Parliamentarian
- Pam Ortega, Secretary
- Treiva Daniels
- Annette Watts
- Letha Black
- Michael Hart
- Sara Welshimer
- Derreck Jett
- Rashmi Pillai
- Delane McUne

1.2. Members Absent

- Asanga Ranasinghe, Vice-President
 - Brent Gandy
 - Tanner Hargrove
 - Stephen Malley
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2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Old Business

- Elections Committee-
 - STEM needs an election after 4/15, all other divisions do not
 - Michael presented the updated list of nominations-still taking nominations until 4/15
 - List needs to be sent to president after the election to discuss appointees

TCCTA-legislative action meeting next week, Chris is part of this group, Treiva proposed a raffle for everyone who is a member-Chris will check on it

Mead-Discussion of when/where the award is presented-will discuss this with administration, nominations due next week

Hospitality-next meeting will have more as it is last meeting

Faculty Committee Appointments-survey due Friday April 17, will bring results next meeting

Rank and Tenure-In process, have reviewed all applications and are discussing how to handle incomplete/inaccessible applications

3. New Business

VPAA REPORT-

- Priorities based on feedback-presence on other campuses (Monday-Thursday only)-once a semester would be recommended and meet with clinical partners for West Campus on clinical days,
- Survey should have additional days not on first time it pops up
- Feedback on Faculty Evaluation Survey-senate agrees to tackle this next year, we support the ideas Frank presented and will include those as we discuss the survey next year (faculty with rank-every other year)
- Frank wants ideas from senate on how to encourage more to apply for rank and tenure-add to faculty senate next year

FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS-Becky Burton asked about splitting industry and public service-but reasoning to combine was due to insufficient numbers of volunteers to serve (not even enough now to fill the spots available next year)

5. Open Forum:

ATTENDANCE- Delane-what happens when people do not attend meetings for committees and faculty senate, Chris-we don't have it in our by-laws, but we could add a rule to our by laws about it-will put on agenda for next meeting

Historian-send nominations to officers-add to agenda for next meeting

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM. The motion to adjourn was made by Delane and seconded by Michael. Next meeting is May 1.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Ortega, Secretary Faculty Senate