



Texas Southern University Faculty Assembly/Senate

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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 05, 2016
Hannah Hall, Room 111
3:00 PM

Senator Members Chair & Vice Chair

Dr. Rasoul Saneifard College of Science, Engineering and Technology (Chair)
Dr. Edieth Wu Thurgood Marshall School of Law (Vice Chair)

Senate Members Present

Abobo, Cyril	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Anga, Ahunanya	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Asare, Nana	Senator, College of Education
Bell, Edward	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Caussin, Marylise	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Cavil, J. Kenyatta	Senator Secretary, College of Education
Georges-Abeyie, Daniel	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Ghemri, Lila	Senator, The Graduate School
Hollomon, Mario	Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Ibitayo, Olurominiyi	Senator Treasurer, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Jemison Pollard, Dianne	Senator, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
Ojode, Lucy	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Perez-Feliciano, Luis	Senator Editor, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Perkins, Carlton	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Regis, Humphrey	Senator, School of Communication
Reynolds, Lacey	Senator, College of Education
Saneifard, Rasoul	Senator Chair, College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Tymczak, Christopher J.	Senator, College of Science, Engineering & Technology
Walker-Hawkins, Vera	Senator Parliamentarian, School of Communication
Woldie, Mammo	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Wu, Edieth	Senator Vice Chair, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Yousefipour, Zivar	Senator, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Senate Members / Colleges Not in Attendance

Thomas, Graham Senator, College of Science, Engineering and Technology

Senate Members or Senate Counsel / Not in Attendance (Alternative Representative)

Carrington, McKen Faculty Senate General Counsel, Thurgood Marshall School of Law



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Guest(s) from Faculty Assembly or University

None

Call to Order

C = Comments, R = Response, and Q = Question

Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the May 2016 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:15 pm on Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Approval of the February 2016 Senate Meeting Minutes

The minutes from November 11th, December 3rd, 2015 were reviewed. A motion was made by Senator Luis Perez-Feliciano and seconded by Senator Mammo Woldie as subject of any modification sent by emails to Senator Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil.

Announcement

C: Senator Mammo Woldie: Interviewed seven potential candidates for the presidency of Texas Southern University. We voted and it came down two candidates that were submitted to the Board. We had face-to-face interviews at a site off campus. They did not provide any information on the number of candidates that applied.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Referenced the issues related to the School of Public Affairs (SOPA) and yielded the floor to Senator Luis Perez-Feliciano.

C: Senate Editor Luis Perez-Feliciano: Discussed the fact that (SOPA) took a vote of No-Confidence on the Dean of SOPA.

Discussion on floor by several Senators ask for clarification

C: Senate Editor Luis Perez-Feliciano: Motioned for the Faculty Senate to send a formal follow-up letter to Provost James Ward on behalf of (SOPA) stating that the school took a vote of No-Confidence on the Dean of SOPA. The motion was seconded by Senator Lila Ghemri.

Discussion on floor by several Senators and then a vote was taken

Yes = 20

No = 0

Abstention = 0



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C: Senate Editor Luis Perez-Feliciano: Motioned for the Faculty Senate to meet during the summer for special called meetings. The motion was seconded by Senator Lila Ghemri.

Yes = 17

No = 2

Abstention = 1

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Referenced the issues related to the Faculty Senate Vote of Censure and No-Confidence on the President during the last Board Meeting.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Provided information on hiring a new Program Coordinator to replace the Senate's Administrative Assistant.

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Provided information on the new Open Carry Policy and that the Board of Regents plan to review the policy.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated a concern on students' evaluations of the instructors. He announced that State law only states that faculty must be evaluated, not how often.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Provided information on Provost's cease and desist letter regarding emails across the campus.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Highlighted violations of Faculty Rights on Academic Freedom.

Discussion on floor by several Senators

New Business

C: Senate Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Announced plans to review several faculty members' Promotion and Tenure.



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Discussion on floor by several Senators

If there are changes to School/College Faculty and Tenure, then the changes should be submitted to the University Rank, Tenure, Promotion and Faculty Salary Committee for ratification of the changes.

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Old Business

N/A

Committee Reports

N/A

Adjourn Meeting

Ask for the question. Senator Mammo Woldie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Olurominiyi Ibitayo seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned 4:45pm