

MINUTES OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING MIDLAND COLLEGE

JUNE 15, 2022 Zoom AND IN PERSON

Opening:

President Joe Bontke called the meeting to order at 11:07 am

Attendance:

Those absent: Jaime Aguila

Senators Present: Sheena Thompson, Sylvia Brown, Michael Fields, Son Mai, Kally Eddison, Kendra Stephens, Shawna Lopez, Adriana Lumpkin, Denise Ross, Brandi Havner. Guest Senator: Chris Brown for Brenton Cross.

Officers present: Joe Bontke, Mary Williams, Brian Flowers (Absent: Meredith Martin)

Consent Items:

Corrections to last month's minutes: motion to correct Son Mai's first name (previously spelled "Sona"): moved by Son, 2nd Kendra: approved unanimously.

Agenda for this month's meeting also unanimously accepted.

Committee reports:

Communication committee: no

Questions: no

Executive: met with Dr. Kennedy last week: 1. creating a new division: Public Service. Dean position posted; Criminal Justice, Fire Safety, EMS faculty will be together. We will therefore have to address this in terms of Senators: will we have to add any or switch any? 2. No firm info about Inservice Week but it will change: full day of Instructional retreat starting with Faculty Senate breakfast, acc to DK. We did ask DK to consider swag, and probably a shirt will happen. Possibly a Polo shirt. Joe will look at bookstore, see what we have and where they order 'em, etc. Angelina has been ordering for SBSB, so maybe ask her.

Announcements:

Announcement: Jonathan Martin resigned to move to South Plains, so Mary Williams will take her new job (secretary, parliamentarian) immediately.

Announcement #2: Kevin Goldsmith and Lee Grimes from ISS: Will Torres is defending his dissertation so he is not presenting to us today.

Joe suggested: let's make sure all folks receive honoring for achievements (all across campus) when they finish something or receive an award.

Chris question: are we going to announce this somewhere? Yes – perhaps on the webpage. We will have a certificate signed by the Senate (honoring the award, etc.)

Also: Joe will regularly ask the Deans to report these things, BUT Senators also need to be sure to ask our folks in our divisions (faculty honoring faculty)!!

Business:

Discussion Item A.

Joe Bontke opened the floor for recommendations of changes/updates to Faculty HB. The area of community service provides some confusion about the current Faculty Handbook because it says community service is optional, yet we are asked to include it for evaluation purposes. Brian Flowers moved and Son Mai seconded that the senate table this issue until the senate has more information. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item B.

Discussion about including College policy number references in the Faculty Handbook as are already in the Employee Handbook. Adriana Lumpkin moved in favor of this idea and Son Mai seconded it; passed unanimously.

Item C.

The Faculty Senate section in the FHB needs some alterations so that information about the Senate and contact information will be correct. Suggestions: more descriptive language of our purpose and focus and a clear reference to the Senate page on the MC website; also, remove the president's email address and substitute faculty senate@midland.edu. Kendra Stephens moved and Michael Fields seconded that both changes be submitted to Dr. Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D.

Chris Brown mentioned the census date problem: no longer does the Registrar's office drop students who have not participated by then, as has been the policy at the College per the Faculty Handbook. He suggested policy needs to match practice.

Dr. Brown moved we recommend to the Registrar that students not participating by census date be dropped as per College policy and Faculty Handbook. Michael Fields seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Item E.

Son Mai submitted a resolution (MC Faculty Senate Resolution 2022-1) congratulating Will Torres for successfully defending his doctoral dissertation. That resolution says:

Whereas, on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, Mr. William Torres, director of the Teaching and Learning Center, has successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in Educational Leadership from Tarleton State University;

Whereas, since academic year 2020-21 Mr. Torres has upheld the goal of the Midland College Teaching and Learning Center, “to provide faculty and staff with the tools and support they need to facilitate positive, meaningful, and transformative experiences for all Midland College students”;

Whereas, while working on his dissertation, Mr. Torres continued providing outstanding leadership and service to the Midland College community as Director of the Teaching and Learning Center;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Midland College Faculty Senate:

- 1) Congratulates and applauds Dr. Will Torres for the successful completion of his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree from Tarleton State University;
- 2) Appreciates Dr. Torres for his invaluable and integral contributions to the MC community as Director of the Teaching and Learning Center;
- 3) Values Dr. William Torres for his leadership and dedication to the success of e students, faculty, and staff of Midland College; and
- 4) Respectfully requests the Secretary of the Faculty Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Will Torres.

Adriana Lumpkin moved and Sheena Thompson seconded this resolution; it passed unanimously.

As of this time there is/was no agenda for the July meeting.

12:51 pm adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Mary Williams.