



FACULTY SENATORS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Danforth, D.D.S.; WLHSDM

Huanyu Dou, M.D.; GSBS

Geoffrey D. Guttman, Ph.D., Nominating Committee Chair; WLHSDM

Gloria Loera, D.N.P., R.N., NEA-BC; GGHSON

Richard W. McCallum, M.D., Faculty Senate President-Elect; PLFSOM

Praveen Parachuru, Ph.D.; WLHSDM

Jaclyn Reyes, M.S.N., R.N., CNE, CMSRN; GGHSON

Jennifer Salinas, Ph.D.; GSBS

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N., Faculty Senate President; GGHSON

Mingtao Zeng, Ph.D.; GSBS

FACULTY SENATORS ABSENT

Karinn M. Chambers, M.D.; PLFSOM

Anantha Ramana Vellipuram, M.D.; PLFSOM

GUESTS

KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H., Vice President for Faculty Success, TTUHSC El Paso

Cindy Camarillo, Sr. Director, Office of Faculty Affairs

Edgar A. Corral, Unit Manager, Faculty Recruitment, Office of Faculty Affairs

Desirae Favela, Associate Director, Faculty Recruitment, Office of Faculty Affairs

Rosemary Prieto, Executive Associate, Office of Faculty Affairs

I. CALL TO ORDER

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N., Faculty Senate President

Dr. Silva, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM and welcomed all participants via Webex, noting that a quorum was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N., Faculty Senate President

Dr. Silva asked the committee to review the previous meeting minutes and check their name and credentials. Dr. Reyes requested the addition of CNE, CMSRN to her name. The meeting minutes for September 24, 2021 were unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate with this revision to Ms. Reyes' credentials.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N., Faculty Senate President

a. Introduction of new Faculty Senate Standing Committee Chairs – Dr. Silva announced the appointment of the four new Faculty Senate Standing Committee Chairs, named by the Faculty Senate President in consultation with the Nominating Committee, as follows:

Dr. Gloria Loera, GGHSON	Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
Dr. Praveen Parachuru, WLHSDM	Faculty Resources Committee Chair
Dr. Mingtao Zeng, GSBS	Research Committee Chair
Dr. Anantha Vellipuram, PLFSOM	University Committee Chair

Dr. Geoffrey D. Guttman, WLHSDM, was elected as the Nominating Committee Chair by the members of the Nominating Committee as prescribed by the Faculty Senate bylaws.

b. Committee Vacancies- The Nominating Committee has met and identified committee vacancies from a list provided by the Faculty Senate's Executive Committee. Dr. Guttman, Nominating Committee Chair, will work with the Nominating Committee in the next month to solicit faculty nominations to fill the committee seats, which will be due by November 16th 2021. Per the Bylaws, the nominating committee will announce vacancies on the standing committees to the voting faculty of TTUHSC El Paso and provide them with the opportunity to express interest in serving. A summary of vacancies includes:

Diversity and Inclusion Committee:

- (1) GSBS Faculty Representative – Vacant (1) GGHSON Faculty Representative – Vacant,
- (1) PLFSOM Faculty Representative – Vacant (1) WLHSDM Faculty Representative – Vacant

Faculty Resources Committee:

- (1) WLHSDM Faculty Representative – Vacant

Research Committee:

- (1) GGHSON Faculty Representative – Vacant (1) WLHSDM Faculty Representative – Vacant

University Affairs Committee:

- (1) GSBS Faculty Representative – Vacant (1) GGHSON Faculty Representative – Vacant
- (1) PLFSOM Faculty Representative – Vacant (1) WLHSDM Faculty Representative - Vacant

- c. **Ad Hoc Selection Committee for the Piper Professor Award** – Dr. Silva reported the Ad Hoc Selection Committee for the Piper Professor Award, which was appointed at the September meeting has met, and reviewed all nomination forms. The finalists has been sent to the President for final consideration. Thank you to the faculty senators, Dr. Danforth, Dr. Dou, Dr. Loera, Dr. Vellipuram and last year’s Piper Professor, Dr. Lakshmanaswamy, for their service in reviewing nominations.

IV. FACULTY SUCCESS UPDATE

KoKo Aung, M.D., M.P.H., Vice President for Faculty Success, TTUHSC El Paso

- a. **Faculty Wellness Champions-** Dr. Aung provided updates regarding the Faculty Wellness Champions, AAMC Faculty StandPoint Engagement Survey, and the Faculty Senate staffing.
Solicitations for Faculty Wellness Champions- Wellness Champions serve as ambassadors for faculty across campus and provide self-care and overall wellness advice to their fellow faculty members. Dr. Aung stated the solicitation of nominations for the next cohort of Faculty Wellness Champions is currently underway. Faculty Senators are encouraged to publicize the opportunity to faculty colleagues. Training has been provided to two previous Faculty Wellness Champion cohorts so far. The sessions for new Faculty Wellness Champions will begin on November 12th 2021, with a total of seven one-hour sessions from 12:00-1:00 P.M. occurring every second Friday of the month. Lunch will be provided.
- b. **AAMC Standpoint-** Dr. Aung reported the AAMC Standpoint report summaries were received and reviewed by the TTUHSC El Paso President/ PLFSOM Dean, associate and assistant deans and department chairs. Plans are in place to share results with the nursing school in the same manner. Finally, results will be shared with the general faculty according to their specialty/school.
- c. **Faculty Senate Support Update-** Rosemary Prieto, Executive Associate, Office of Faculty Affairs, will depart TTUHSC El Paso effective 10/31/2021. Dr. Silva, on behalf of the Faculty Senate, thanked Rosemary for her work on the Faculty Senate this past year and for her organization and assistance during the Faculty Senate’s support transition from the Office of the Provost. Dr. McCallum noted that Rosemary will be greatly missed. Cindy Camarillo, Sr. Director, Faculty Affairs stated that support for the Faculty Senate will continue at the same level due to continuity of coverage from the Office of Faculty Affairs team. Desirae Favela, Associate Director of Recruitment, will serve as the new primary point of contact for the Faculty Senate, assisted by Edgar Corral, Unit Manager for Faculty Recruitment. Their contact information will be emailed to the Faculty Senate. As always, Cindy Camarillo will remain available for any questions regarding the Faculty Senate.

VI. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Open Discussion

Dr. Silva opened the floor for a round table discussion.

Discussion:

Q: What is the role of the Immediate-Past President as they usually serve as a crucial part of the organization who can help to resolve issues of the Faculty Senate? Why is the current Past-President not involved in the Faculty Senate?

A: Dr. Aung confirmed that the Immediate Past-President, Dr. Gustavo Rodriguez, resigned from the Faculty Senate and the previous Past-President, Dr. Heidi Lynn is no longer with the institution and relocated out of El Paso. It was noted the Dr. Rodriguez resigned in the best interest of the Faculty Senate but can be asked to attend committee meetings if needed for a particular issue. Dr. Silva noted that Dr. Rodriguez has graciously made himself available to consultation to her if needed.

Q: Can the Faculty Senate President term be extended to two years instead of one?

A: Changing the President's term would require an amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws. The current Presidential term consists of serving as President-Elect for one year, followed by a year of service as President, then service as Past-President for one final year. In essence, this leadership role carries a consecutive three-year commitment. However, it would benefit the role of the President of the Senate to serve for an additional year in order to complete any goals set forth and would ensure a tenured and experienced Faculty Senate President. This issue has already been brought up in previous Bylaws revision reviews, but this issue can be readdressed during the next bylaws review. Dr. Silva asked when the next bylaws are due for revision.

Q: Can Standing Committee Chairs serve multiple terms?

A: Standing Committee Chairs should be able, if willing, to be re-elected for an additional term if the Faculty Senate President and Nominating Committee so requests. Dr. Zeng currently is in his second year in the role as Chair of the Research Committee and was commended for doing a good job in this role.

Q: What are the service terms for the Standing Committee members?

A: Each Standing Committee member will serve a two year term in accordance with the Faculty Senate bylaws.

Dates were discussed for the November Faculty Senate meeting. With the holidays upon us, it may be difficult to arrange a meeting around vacation times and other conferences. The Office of Faculty Affairs will take the lead in finding a meeting date for the majority of Senators.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N., Faculty Senate President

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Silva adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Minutes Approved:

Clarissa Silva

Clarissa Silva (Dec 2, 2021 09:50 MST)

Clarissa Silva, Ph.D., R.N.

Faculty Senate President 2022 - 2023

12/02/2021

Date