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## **FACULTY ASSEMBLY/SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May, 1st, 2014, 3:00 pm  
Hanna Hall, Room 111

### **Senator Members Chair & Vice Chair**

Dr. Rasoul Saneifard (Chair) College of Science and Technology  
Dr. Vera Hawkins (Vice Chair) School of Communication

### **Senate Members Present**

Akpaffiong, Macaulay	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Anadu Ndefo, Uche	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Bloom, Collette M.	Senator, College of Education
Cavil, J. Kenyatta	Senator Secretary, College of Education
Chilakamari, Kiran	Senator, The Graduate School
Desselle, Bettye	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Georges-Abeyie, Daniel	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Hill, Cassandra	Senator, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Holmes, Roderick	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Khosrovani, Masoomah	Senator, School of Communication
Mosley, Erma Dianne	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Sciences
Ojode, Lucy	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Sleem, Aladdin	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Smith, Jacqueline	Senator, College of Education
Tymczak, Christopher J.	Senator, College of Science & Technology
Saha-Gupta, Nina	Senator Editor Faculty Speaks, College of Education
Sen, Lalita	Senator Treasurer, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Solitare, Laura	Senator, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
Woldie, Mammo	Senator, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
Yousefipour, Zivar	Senator, College of Pharmacy & Health Science
Zeitler, Michael	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Science
Zidaru, Lucian	Senator, College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Sciences

### **Senate Members/Colleges Absent**

Owens, Emiel Senator Parliamentarian, College of Education

### **Senate Members/Not Present (Alternative Representative)**

Broussard, Shanna College of Education  
Carrington, McKen TM School of Law - (Faculty Senate General Council)

### **Guest from Faculty Assembly or University**

Square, Marilyn University Registrar

### **Call to Order**

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



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Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard called the May 2014 meeting of the TSU Faculty Senate to order at 3:17pm on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

### **Approval of the 1 April 2014 Senate Meeting Minute**

The minutes from April 1 meeting in 2014 would be sent by email due to computer issues and voted on subject to any modification sent by emails to Senator Secretary Kenyatta Cavil.

### **Announcement**

Death

Distinguished Service Award

An email was

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated congratulations on behalf of the faculty senate to Senator Secretary Kenyatta Cavil for recognition for his selection for Texas Southern University Faculty Award, Distinguished Service Award.

C: Senator Secretary Kenyatta Cavil: Thanks for the

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated there is an issue.

Q: Senator Dianne Mosley: Questioned what is the issue? Can you forward the email?

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: The Northwest Campus is closing.

Q: Senator Christopher J. Tymczak: Questioned why is closing?

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated the Northwest Campus rental is expensive and the enrollment is low. Prairie View A & M University is continuing to move into that area as well as Sam Houston State University and University of Houston – Main. Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie stated that students feel betrayed because they were not informed in a timely manner. Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie stated that the students have told him, they do not plan to seek continuing their course work at the Texas Southern University Main Campus, and are concerned with the crime imagery. This is an older student/professional population.

Q: Senator Christopher J. Tymczak: Questioned was enrollment increasing?

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Administrative Justice program was growing, but the overall growing of the enrollment was

C: Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins: Suggested that a strategic plan was not completed and to her knowledge an opportunity was open and we initiated the program and now we are where we are

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Believed it is a tragedy



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Q: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Questioned is there a difference in the leadership regarding enrollment?

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: No, not in his opinion. Both individuals that were in charge of leading the direction of the Northwest campus gave their best efforts and many solid ideas.

Q: Senator Christopher J. Tymczak: Questioned why close the entire Northwest Campus if one program is growing?

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated that there was a problem with the Northwest Campus was not run very efficiently.

C: Senator Uche Anadu Ndefo: Stated unofficially the Medical Center Campus will close. We were told to look on campus for facility that we believe could service the program.

C: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Stated he heard that the Medical Center would move to the New Technology Engineering building.

Q: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Questioned is this true and verifiable or just rumor?

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated he was informed by his chair that this is in fact true and not a rumor. Again Prairie View A&M University is continuing to expand and build in the Champions area. Prairie View A&M University has a free standing building.

C: Senator Laura Solitare: Stated concerns about beautifying the Main Campus and our surrounding neighborhood. Many faculty members in the Urban Planning Department could address this issue, but have never been tapped and have actually been rebuffed at the executive level

Q: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Questioned, Senator Laura Solitare would you consider coming to the next meeting with the president to express these concerns and suggestions.

R: Senator Laura Solitare: Stated she would or somebody from her department would welcome the opportunity to join the chair and vice chair.

R: Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins: Suggested we move forward the agenda.

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated in closing we are not in a position to recruit students from outside the loop on the North and Northwest sides of Houston.

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated a concern regard the University only receiving only 80 students transferring to the university from community colleges with the 2 + 2 format.

C: Senator Lucian Zidaru: The population in the Southwest has a larger percentage of minority students (African Americans, Latin Americans and etc) that may help increase our enrollment.

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated it seems we are all suggesting we have a recruiting problem.



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C: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Suggested this not necessarily a recruiting problem, but a system problem regarding the 2 + 2 format.

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Stated it was told to him that students were attending the university because the university is affordable.

Q: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated that Mrs. Square has not arrived to discuss similar issues and questions the faculty senate had regarding student admittance into a course.

C: Senator Secretary J. Kenyatta Cavil: Stated Mrs. Square had another meeting she was required to attend and would seek to make the last 20 or 30 minutes.

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated he was made aware that there is an issue with students' concerned with not having their grades posted.

C: Faculty Senate General Council McKen Carrington: Stated at one time he was in an administrative position. He believes the university has a problem with the university not really have a central unit to deal with university management problems. Two problems: 1) One issue is a pricing issue. This presents an issue that if the cost of attendance outweighs the benefits of enrolling and completing their degree. This comes down to the point that students are having the need and their ability to qualify for loans. 2) The issue is also one of who can afford to attend our university. This is an affordability issue.

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated in line with those comments the university has recently increased tuition by three percent.

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated our enrollment has dropped and if it continues to drop it will be an issue with the faculty retainment.

Q: Senator Christopher J. Tymczak: Questioned has any one in leadership positions completed a study?

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated that is what Carrington suggested.

C: Senator Laura Solitare: Stated she developed a recruiting initiative. With this understand one of the problems is the fact, first we do not have an individual that has an academic background in recruiting and so, the second problem is the fact I do not believe the administration is serious about recruiting students without taking into account the need for hiring an individual with an academic background in recruiting.

C: Senator Masomeh Khosrovani: Stated we first most addressed the question of why students want to go to college?

C: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Stated the administration is not addressing the real issue. As a computer science professor, I volunteered to go out and recruit students and was only provide an opportunity to participate in to recruiting trip opportunities.

C: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Prairie View A&M University made a commitment and hired a professional recruiter. I do not believe students have been systematic question on why they are at the Main campus.



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Q: Senator Collette M. Bloom: Questioned why do students come to Texas Southern University?

R: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: No, why they are attending Texas Southern University. I am telling you our image is terrible. An administrator sent out letter to faculty members to please attend their courses.

C: Faculty Senate General Council McKen Carrington: Texas Southern University is spoken for. I am not aware of faculty that do not attend course. I am aware one case that came back late from overseas and I took his money. He admitted and stated he would not do it again and I restated his money. We need to create financial revenues for faculty members to recruit students.

Q: Senator Collette M. Bloom: Questioned who has the responsibility for posting grades in computer system?

R: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: It is faculty members, as individuals, responsibility

Square: Faculty members have two opportunities to post grades during then semester (midterm and finals). Recently administration has stated faculty members are required to post grades during midterm. This is was not required in the past, faculty members only had to input non-attendance 60% report. Grades are due 48-hour after the last finals. I have literally received phone calls Monday morning that they are not able to return

Q: Senator Uche Anadu Ndefo: Questioned is it a technology proficient issue?

R: Faculty Senate Guest (University Registrar) Marilyn Square: Stated it is not a technology issue.

Q: Senator Laura Solitaire: Questioned what options due we have regarding issuing grades, such a

R: Faculty Senate Guest (University Registrar) Marilyn Square: Stated the bullet points on agenda was broad so I address a general issue that was presented to me by Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard. But, I would happy to address any question.

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated actually that was not the issue. The issue was regarding the process and guidelines for admitting students.

Q: Senator Roderick Holmes: Questioned what is process for admitting students?

R: Faculty Senate Guest (University Registrar) Marilyn Square: Stated I oppose students asking to Students must have written letter from the faculty member to admit students into a course.

Q: Senator Daniel Georges-Abeyie: Questioned what about faculty members that are entering grades into Black Board?

R: Faculty Senate Guest (University Registrar) Marilyn Square: Stated the Banner system is not integrated with Black Board at this time.

Q: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Questioned Do I have the authority to refuse students for admission after certain date?



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R: The Faculty Senate: Several senators stated yes.

Q: Senator Aladdin Sleem: Questioned should form only require a faculty member?

Q: Senator Uche Anadu Ndefo: Questioned what is the policy on the 60% roster on the attendance?

R: Faculty Senate Guest (University Registrar) Marilyn Square: Stated it is an issue for the last day of attendance if a student has missed 60% of the roster in attendance.

Q: Senator Roderick Holmes: Questioned is it possible for the university to create policy to require students to pay earlier such that once they are purged that other students with the financial means can take advantage of those seats vacated?

R: Faculty Senate Guest (University Registrar) Marilyn Square: Stated I agree. The faculty senate should suggest a policy.

Q: Senator Lucian Zidaru: Questioned what about students that miss a great deal of classes but meet the 60% of the roster in attendance?

R: Faculty Senate Guest (University Registrar) Marilyn Square: Stated the faculty senate should suggest this as a concern in the Dean's Council. I do not have the authority to change that policy.

C: Faculty Senate General Council McKen Carrington: Stated there are issues with inefficiencies.

R: Faculty Senate Guest (University Registrar) Marilyn Square: I agree.

C: Faculty Senate Guest Cary Wintz: Reported information and issues from the Texas Faculty Association. Thank you for your service. The university is drifting away from a faculty driven organization. Faculty members no longer have the right to keep their tenure. The Provost actually stated many of faculty members did not earn their tenure and we can no longer afford tenured faculty members. The University Texas Rio Grande Valley will be a research university with a Medical Center. Texas Faculty Association is an organizing organization not a paid organization.

Q: Senator Christopher J. Tymczak: Questioned how many campuses are member of the Texas Faculty Association?

C: Faculty Senate Guest Cary Wintz: Fifteen campuses

Q: Senator Collette M. Bloom: Questioned why Texas Southern University?

C: Faculty Senate Guest Cary Wintz: They want to grow the organization.

Q: Senator Collette M. Bloom: Questioned what is difference in TFA and UAEP?

C: Senator Laura Solitaire: Stated a Motion: Moved Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins agenda item is move up to address now. The motion was seconded by Senator Dianne Mosley.

C: Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated that Solitaire did not have the floor to introduce the motion.



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C: Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins: Stated she needed more clarification why she was not allowed to hold the floor on the agenda items she was going to introduce to the faculty senate.

C: Senator Emiel Owens: Stated that Senator Vice Chair Vera Hawkins was not recognized by the Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard to introduce the motion Senator Laura Solitaire introduced to the floor of the faculty senate and the time for the allotted meeting is from 3:00pm ~ 5:00pm and we simply did not get to that agenda item in the allotted time.

### **Announcement**

-N/A

### **Old Business**

-N/A

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Senator Chair Rasoul Saneifard: Stated a motion. He moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Senator Emiel Owens.

Meeting Adjourned 5:12pm