



**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
12:00 p.m.**

Faculty Senate President David Shattuck called the March 22, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (115)

ARCH: J. Feng, D. Froehlich, M. Kyropoulou, E. Morshedzadeh, P. Peters
ARTS: R. Bush, J. Derges, J. Evans, S. Matijcio, D. Robinson, T. Van Kekerix
BUS: C. Becker, B. Carlin, H. Lin, A. Lish, M. Murray
EDU: S. Brower, B. Davis, S. Gronseth, K. Hassett, M. Lee, A. Peters, V. Rangel
ENGR: D. Burleson, C. Chang, J. Conrad, D. Litvinov, H. Love, Y. Mo, J. Rao, H. Rifai, D. Shattuck
HON: D. Price
HRM: Y. Koh
LAW: K. Brem, E. Trujillo
CLASS: K. Anderson, J. Babcock, W. Breslin, F. Bunta, L. Camaj, A. Christensen, P. Cirino, M. Cottingham, H. Glass, M. Goldberg, E. Goodin-Mayeda, S. Grigorian, P. Gutierrez, K. Haubrick, A. Hernandez, M. Ivey, J. Kleinheider, M. Knoblauch, A. Pegoda, S. Scarrow, C. Tamber-Rosenau, A. Viana, Z. Xiao, L. Zhu
LIB: K. Creelman, T. Davis-Van Atta, V. Douglas, S. Thompson, M. Warren, A. Wu
COM: G. Gomez, K. Pilkinton
NSM: M. Almus, K. Bassler, T. Bawa-Khalfe, B. Bodmann, J. Brgoch, J. Briggs, A. Caglar, R. Capuano, B. Dauwalder, L. Farmer, S. Gilbertson, T. Gill, R. Lee, J. May, A. Medrano, R. Meisel, D. Pattison, J. Subhlok, A. Vershynina, B. Xhabli, J. Yang
COM: G. Gomez, K. Pilkinton
CON: L. McWilliams, P. Schrader
OPT: R. Manny, S. Modi, J. O'Brien, J. Porter
PHA: D. Chow, G. Cuny, A. Marwaha, D. Thornton, M. Trivedi, G. Udugamasooriya
HSPA: D. Engster
RES CTRS: S. Chung
RES FAC: O. Bannova
GCSW: S. Ali, S. Narendorf
TECH: M. Burns, A. Conklin, B. Detillier, M. El Nahas, J. Evans, A. Lendasse, F. Merchant, X. Yuan

MEMBERS ABSENT: (27)

ARTS: R. Koontz
BUS: S. Basu, N. Celly, P. Kumar, J. Porra
EDU: C. Arbona
ENGR: K. Grigoriadis, D. Liu, M. Robertson
GHL: P. Guchait, T. Legendre, J. Madera, C. Taylor
HON: D. Gish
LAW: D. Fagundes, J. Nelson
CLASS: E. Alemán, P. Chakrabarti, M. Cuesta, D. Papell, E. Simas, C. Sisk, D. Womble
NSM: A. Czader, E. Papadakis
OPT: V. Das

VACANT SEATS: (9) ARTS – 2 seats (1 GPSC & 1 UC), BUS – 2 seats (1 At-Large, 1 UC); CLASS – 1 At-Large seat, COM – 1 GPSC seat, GCSW – 2 seats (1 At-large & 1 GPSC);

VISITORS: Raymond Bartlett (Administration & Finance), Katherine Carter (LIB), Diane Chase (Academic Affairs), Mark Clarke (Faculty Development & Faculty Affairs), Tiffany Davis (ELPS/EDU), Emran El-Badawi (MCL/CLASS), Mike Emery (Univ. Marketing & Comm), Christina Gola (LIB), Sabrina Hassumani (Academic Affairs), Lisa Holdeman Univ. Marketing & Comm), Athena Jackson (LIB), Mike Johnson (President's Office), Renu Khator (President's Office), Sarah Larsen (The Graduate School), Shawn Lindsey (Media Relations), Teri Longacre (Undergraduate Student Success), Dan Maxwell (Student Affairs), Emily Messa (Administration & Finance), Jeff Morgan (Education Tech & Innovation), Claudia Neuhauser (Div. of Research), Norma Ngo (CAPS), Dan O'Connor (CLASS), Raul Ramos (HIST/CLASS), Ariana Santiago (LIB), Maria Soliño (Hispanic Studies/CLASS), Marti Trummer-Cabrera (CAPS), Dan Wells (NSM), Donnell Young (Student Affairs)

Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2023 Meeting

Minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

Special Acknowledgement: Dr. Mark Clarke

FS President David Shattuck acknowledged Mark Clarke's accomplishments as Associate Provost for Faculty Development & Faculty Affairs and presented him with a gift.

The meeting was adjourned for five minutes so that senators and guests could partake of the appreciation cake and light refreshments that were provided to celebrate Dr. Clarke.

Report from and Discussion with the University of Houston System Chancellor and University of Houston President: [Renu Khator](#)

President Renu Khator gave a heartfelt talk about mental health, the recent deaths on campus, and future plans for Agnes Arnold Hall. She had announced that two taskforces have been created to deal with these major concerns:

- 1) Mental Health (Co-Chairs Provost Chase & Dr. Bob McPherson)
 - Create better system for mental health outreach
- 2) Agnes Arnold Hall (Co-Chairs SVP Raymond Bartlett & Dr. Bob McPherson)
 - Brainstorm ideas/plans for Agnes Arnold Hall (short-term & long-term)

Q&A followed.

Report from the University of Houston System Senior Vice Chancellor and University of Houston Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost: [Diane Z. Chase](#)

Provost Diane Chase reported on the following items:

- Agnes Arnold Hall (Immediate plan):
 - Closing off Agnes Arnold Hall (before opening the Agnes Arnold Auditoriums next week)
- Integrative Studies degree program was approved by the Board of Regents during their February 23rd meeting.
- Dean of Education Search: Co-chair Athena Jackson announced that the search is going well and thanked everyone for submitting nominations. The search committee will share any updates as the process continues.
- DEI Update:
 - Goal to serve diverse population of students
 - Strategies – ensure that pool of applicants is broad as possible
 - Will offer a refresher on how to write recruiting materials

- Associate Provost for Faculty Development & Faculty Affairs will be posted soon. This will be an internal search.

Q&A session followed.

Report from and Discussion with the University of Houston System Senior Vice Chancellor and University of Houston Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance: [Raymond Bartlett](#)

SVP Raymond Bartlett gave an update on the immediate plans for Agnes Arnold Hall:

- The building was secured last evening and will secure further with a physical barrier which will restrict access. Security will present 24/7 until further notice.
- He toured the building with UHPD and a third-party vendor (request for options were made)
- The immediate goal is to have a vendor chosen by the end of the day so as to erect a barrier to protect further access to the building (target completion by Monday, 8:00 a.m.).
- SVP Bartlett is working with the fire marshal to authorize who will be able to access the building

Q&A session followed.

Report from and Discussion with the University of Houston System Interim Vice Chancellor and University of Houston Interim Vice President for Research: [Claudia Neuhauser](#)

VP Claudia Neuhauser reported on the following items:

- Animal Care Operations (ACO): AAALAC (Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Animal Laboratory Care) visited the campus last week and recommended full accreditation for ACO (done every three years).
- Making progress on Core Facilities
 - Electron Microscopy facility – will need BoR approval due to the piece of equipment costing over \$1M (this facility is almost furthest along)
 - The Digital Humanities is furthest along and will start workshops in June 2023.
- On April 26, 2023, DoR will host a Team Signs workshop
- In May 2023, DoR plans to host an Air Force Scientific Research visit (coordinated with NSM)
- Open staff positions: DoR is getting close to filling the rest of the positions.

Presentation by Counseling & Psychological Services Director [Norma Ngo](#) & Assistant Director for Outreach [Marti Trummer-Cabrera](#)

Drs. Ngo and Marti Trummer-Cabrera gave a presentation on various mental health resources available on campus.

- JED Campus Initiative
- Suicide Prevention Training
- Ways to Support a Student in Distress

See attached pdf presentation.

Q&A session followed.

FS Pres. Dave Shattuck thanked Drs. Ngo and Trummer-Cabrera for presenting at the meeting and for their work on campus.

CTAP Presentation by University of Houston Senior Vice Provost & Dean for Undergraduate Student Success [Teri Longacre](#) and University of Houston System Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and University of Houston Senior Associate Vice President for Administration: [Emily Messa](#)

Dr. Teri Longacre gave presentation on the Flat Rate Cougar Textbook Access Program (CTAP) which focused on:

- Purpose of CTAP
- CTAP rates for academic year 2023-2024
- Faculty Benefits
- Five Easy Steps on how the program works
- Cumulative CTAP by the Numbers for spring 2022 – spring 2023

Dr. Emily Messa presented the following Office of Administration program and service updates to the Senate.

- Dining on Campus:
 - Farmer's Fridge – vending machines stocked with healthy items (i.e., salads, grain bowls, etc.)
 - New food trucks on campus, testing expanded food options at Tech Bridge (pop-up Chick-fil-A)
 - Award Winning Dining Program
 - Dining Cultural Series
 - Black History Month at Moody Dining Commons
 - Halal Options on Campus
 - Delicious Without
 - HUB Retail Concepts
- Parking and Transportation:
 - Updating Your Vehicle Information
 - Virtual Permits: Two Reminders
 - Future Plan for Parking Lot 12B
 - Big 12 Impact on Parking
 - Auto renewal of parking permits
- Public Art UHS

See attached pdf presentation for more details.

Transition to Canvas by Associate Provost for Education Innovation & Technology: [Jeff Morgan](#)

Dr. Jeff Morgan gave a brief report about the transition from Blackboard to Canvas and entertained questions from the senators.

Resources for Faculty:

Countdown to Canvas:

<https://uh.edu/canvas/faculty/countdown-to-canvas/>

Faculty Help for Canvas:

<https://uh.edu/canvas/faculty/>

Second Reading of Senate Constitution Amendments by FS President [David Shattuck](#) on behalf of Faculty Governance Committee Chair [Vallabh Das](#)

FS Pres. Dave Shattuck gave the second reading of the proposed Senate Constitution amendments.

FS Pres. Shattuck advocated strongly for the proposed changes. Voting will take place electronically.

Report from and Discussion by Faculty Senate President: [David Shattuck](#)

- There are CAPS flyers available for senators in the back of the meeting room.
- FS Pres. Dave Shattuck expressed his gratitude to be able to represent the Senate in the decision-making with regards to the mental health and Agnes Arnold Hall.
- He advocated for faculty raises at the February 23rd BoR meeting.
- Door Prize Recipient: Dr. Anna Vershynina received two complimentary tickets to “10-Minutes Play Festival” presented by the UH School of Theatre and Dance, Rob Shimko, Producer

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.