



**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
12:00 p.m.**

Faculty Senate President David Shattuck called the January 18, 2023 Faculty Senate meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (111)

ARCH: J. Feng, D. Froehlich, M. Kyropoulou, E. Morshedzadeh, P. Peters
ARTS: J. Derges, J. Evans, R. Koontz, S. Matijcio, Robinson, Daryl, T. Van Kekerix
BUS: C. Becker, B. Carlin, N. Celly, H. Lin, A. Lish, M. Murray
EDU: C. Arbona, S. Brower, B. Davis, S. Gronseth, K. Hassett, M. Lee, V. Rangel
ENGR: D. Burleson, C. Chang, J. Conrad, K. Grigoriadis, D. Litvinov, H. Love, Y. Mo, J. Rao, H. Rifai, M. Robertson, D. Shattuck

HON: D. Gish
HRM: P. Guchait, Y. Koh, T. Legendre, C. Taylor
LAW: K. Brem
CLASS: K. Anderson, W. Breslin, F. Bunta, L. Camaj, P. Chakrabarti, A. Christensen, P. Cirino, M. Cottingham, H. Glass, M. Goldberg, E. Goodin-Mayeda, S. Grigorian, K. Haubrick, M. Ivey, J. Kleinheider, M. Knoblauch, A. Pegoda, S. Scarrow, C. Sisk, C. Tamber-Rosenau, A. Viana, Z. Xiao, L. Zhu

LIB: T. Davis-Van Atta, V. Douglas, S. Thompson, M. Warren, A. Wu
COM: K. Pilkinton
NSM: M. Almus, K. Bassler, T. Bawa-Khalfe, B. Bodmann, J. Briggs, R. Capuano, A. Czader, B. Dauwalder, L. Farmer, S. Gilbertson, R. Lee, J. May, A. Medrano, R. Meisel, E. Papadakis, D. Pattison, J. Subhlok, A. Vershynina, B. Xhabli, J. Yang

CON: L. McWilliams, P. Schrader
OPT: V. Das, R. Manny, S. Modi, J. O'Brien
PHA: D. Chow, G. Cuny, A. Marwaha, D. Thornton, M. Trivedi
HSPA: D. Engster
RES CTRS: S. Chung
TECH: M. Burns, A. Conklin, B. Detillier, M. El Nahas, J. Evans, F. Merchant, Xiaojing Yuan

MEMBERS ABSENT: (32)

ARTS: R. Bush
BUS: S. Basu, P. Kumar, J. Porra
ENGR: D. Liu
HRM: J. Madera, S. Sirsat
LAW: D. Fagundes, J. Nelson, E. Trujillo
CLASS: E. Alemán, J. Babcock, M. Cuesta, P. Gutierrez, A. Hernandez, D. Papell, E. Simas, D. Womble

NSM: J. Brgoch, A. Caglar, T. Gill
OPT: J. Porter
RES FAC: O. Bannova
GCSW: S. Ali, S. Narendorf
PHA: G. Udugamasooriya
TECH: A. Lendasse

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), Mark Clarke (Faculty Development & Faculty Affairs), Mike Emery (Univ. Marketing & Comm), Sabrina Hassumani (Academic Affairs), Lisa Holdeman (Univ. Marketing & Comm), Sarah Larsen (The Graduate School), Teri Longacre (Undergraduate Student Success), Robert McPherson (Academic Affairs), Claudia Neuhauser (Div. of Research)

Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2022 Meeting

Minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.

Sen. Lee McWilliams asked for clarification about the Senate website group that was acknowledged during the December 14th Senate meeting. She wanted to know if the group that was acknowledged was the original development team or the implementation team. If it was the original development team, not all the members were recognized. FS Pres. Shattuck asked her to send the group information history and he would look into Dr. McWilliam's question.

Report from the University of Houston System Interim Senior Vice Chancellor and University of Houston Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost: [Robert McPherson](#)

Provost Bob McPherson reported on the following items:

- Academic Affairs is seeking BOR approval for the merger of the College of Technology and College of Engineering at the February 23rd Board of Regents meeting. The college will be renamed to the College of Engineering with the Division of Technology.
- Heidi Appel has been chosen as the new Honors College dean. She will begin her tenure on July 1, 2023. Provost McPherson thanked Dr. Stuart Long for his service as interim dean and for his long-time commitment to the Honors College and UH.
- Dr. Diane Chase will begin her tenure as SVC/SVP and Provost on February 1, 2023.
- Graduate College of Social Work Dean: The search for an interim dean is underway. This coming Friday, Dr. McPherson will hold a separate meeting with faculty and students for their feedback.
- Dr. Bob McPherson expressed his gratitude for working as interim provost and working with the Faculty Senate, senior administration, and dean colleagues. He also thanked and acknowledged each of his cabinet members for their dedication.

Q&A Session:

Sen. Manos Papadakis asked for clarification on why Dr. Dettlaff stepped down from the dean position. He felt Provost McPherson's reason was vague. Provost McPherson responded that Dr. Dettlaff did great work for the college over the past seven years. However, there were challenges within the context of the college that need more attention.

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 mentioned that he did not have any new updates, but would entertain questions from the audience.

Q&A Session:

Sen. Manos Papadakis asked when the Cullen Boulevard construction will be completed. He also asked when the county is going to implement traffic lights at the intersection of Cullen Blvd. and the Moores School of Music entrance. SVP Bartlett responded that he has been in contact with the county and that he was given the construction calendar schedule. The completion date is much sooner than expected which is July 2023. Also, Raymond said he was not aware of a traffic light implementation at Cullen Blvd. and MSM entrance. He said that he will follow up with the county construction team.

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

SVP Claudia Neuhauser reported on the following items:

- Phase one of DoR streamlining functions has been completed (i.e., no cost extension). Trainings have been completed by staff and faculty. There is one more training in January.
- Core Facilities: Progress is steady with the facilities construction.
- Centers and Institutes: Working on Team signs
- DoR Workshops: Working with McAllister & Quinn on changing formats on workshops
- OCG Personnel: Have only three open positions and OCG is about fully staffed. Staff are still in training and the hope is to eventually have a faster turnaround time.

Q&A Session:

Sen. Bernhard Bodmann asked how much IDC can be used ahead of time so he can plan for the summer. Dr. Neuhauser responded that she didn't know the answer, but will follow up on his question.

Presentation: UH by the Numbers by Institutional Research & Information Management Executive Director: [Susan Moreno](#)

Dr. Susan Moreno gave a presentation on the UH by the Numbers dashboard which went live in early October 2022. She demonstrated the features and how to navigate the dashboard.

Q&A Session:

FS President-elect Susie Gronseth asked if the data (except for the U.S. News & World Report data) could be used in faculty research projects. Dr. Moreno responded that the data can be used by faculty and that individual data about students aren't part of this dashboard. Dr. Gronseth also asked why the NTT faculty data was included in another category in the dashboard. Dr. Moreno responded that the data was based on the reports submitted to the state. Her department doesn't have the option on how reports are submitted to the state. However, NTT data can be found in the Institutional Research's statistical handbook which is posted on the department website.

Senate Small Group Discussion: [Susie Gronseth](#)

FS Pres. Dave Shattuck introduced the small group discussion topic to senators: "What should the incoming provost know about the University of Houston?". FS President-elect Susie Gronseth informed senators and guests of the group discussion procedure. She thanked senators Bernhard Bodmann, Julia Kleinheider, and Susan Scarrow for their help. Attendees were given fifteen minutes to work in their groups.

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

FS Pres. Dave Shattuck reminded senators to leave their name tents for in-person attendance records.

Sen. Ann Christensen won the Senate meeting door prize and received two complimentary tickets to attend "The Wolves" presented by the UH School of Theatre and Dance.

FS Pres. Shattuck announced that there will be cake to celebrate a birthday at the February 15th Senate meeting.

New Business

No new business brought forth.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.