

Faculty Senate President's Meeting

November 25, 2019

Members Present:

Douglas Airhart, Jeremy Blair, Troy Brachey, Chris Brown, Debra Bryant, Andrew Callender, Wei-Tsun Chang, Kris Craven, Mary Lou Fornehed, Steven Frye, Stuart Gaetjens, Mark Groundland, David Hajdik, Shelia Hurley, Barbara Jared, Nancy Kolodziej, Matt Langford, David Larimore, Lori Maxwell, Mark Melichar, Allan Mills, Holly Mills, Lachelle Norris, Linda Null, Brian O'Connor, Sally Pardue, Richard Rand, Arthur Banton for Jeff Roberts, Mike Rogers, Lee Ann Shipley, Troy Smith, Sandra Smith-Andrews, Barry Stein, Lenly Weathers, Zac Wilcox, Kim Winkle

Members Absent:

Michael Best, Yun Ding, Ahmed Elsayy, Brian Jones, Christy Killman, Susan Laningham, Mary Matthews, Christie Miller, Joseph Ojo, Anthony Paradis, Holly Stretz, Jeannette Wolak

Guests Present:

Lee Wray

Call to Order any emails from facsenpres@tech.edu. The official Faculty Senate President email is facultysenatepres@tech.edu.

Regarding the called business meeting taking place on December 2 The senators were reminded that all materials are confidential. Some senators have had trouble accessing the materials on the shared drive, so anyone with issues should reach out to her so she can work out the problem.

President Oldham's Opening Remarks

President Oldham wished the senators a Happy Thanksgiving and stated this meeting will be a follow-up regarding the recent changes to fees and out-of-state tuition (OST), and the analysis of a proposed change in the tuition model.

The President shared that Tech recruits in 31 counties (approximately 50 high schools), and that a magnet school with a diverse student population may be sending juniors for a campus visit in the spring. Tech

- How can we be funded predictably by department, difficulty, and need when we have no basis for the predictions? Departments like Psychology are hit with transfers in upper division with no predictability.
More predictability will be built in to the planning over time after implementation.
- What about double-majors?
Understandably those students will have to take larger loads, but this change will still allow them to benefit by finishing earlier. This will put in place a structure that will incentivize them to graduate earlier.
- What about classroom utilization – won't that be affected?
Planning for classroom space will be impacted, but faculty are encouraged to be patient and willing to work through the changes.
- Advisors could consider encouraging some students to take 18 hours to build-in wiggle room in their timeline – this could be a student survey question.
- If the Calendar Committee avoids Friday afternoon classes, it could be hard to absorb the load.
- What about online, distance, and other non-traditional students?
The President understands these groups may be impacted differently, but a unique tuition model could be considered for online or distance students at some point.

Closing Comments from President Oldham