

## Faculty Senate

August 22, 2025

Location: FH 108

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### Minutes

		Present
President	Janiece Upshaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice-President/President-Elect	Gwendolyn Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Joshua Goodson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parliamentarian/Secretary-Elect	Priya Eimerbrink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Permanent Non-Tenure Track	Gabriel Otteson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Tenure-Track	Corron Sanders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator, Tenured</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Business Place One	Patricia Wynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Business Place Two	Warren Nagumo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Education	Victor Lozada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Human Services	Nedra Washington Goss	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator, LAS Place One	Stephen Womack	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, LAS Place Two	Kieth Gryder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator, LAS Place Three	Noureen Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator, College of Law</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- I. Welcome – Approval of Minutes (9:05)
  - a. Upshaw welcomes all. Discusses the gathering of information about the first week from faculty.
  - b. Upshaw meets with President monthly and executive officers meet with Provost monthly.
  - c. Senators introduce themselves.
  - d. Otteson Moves to approve minutes.
    - i. Womack seconds
    - ii. Discussion:
      1. None
    - iii. Yes: 9
    - iv. No: 0
- II. Role/Expectations of Faculty Senators
  - a. When the Faculty Senate was formed, each school received one senator for every 15 faculty members. The faculty in each school were divided among the senators to provide each senator with their own list of faculty to communicate with. Upshaw wants to return to the practice where every senator has a list of faculty members they regularly communicate with and receive feedback from.
  - b. Otteson: Do we have an updated email list.

- i. Got a count from the Deans and should get a list in the next couple of weeks.
- c. Sanders: Is there a possibility to having a Canvas shell for communication constituents. This way the Senate does contribute to the email overload.
  - i. Upshaw: Maybe use Teams to communicate with constituents.
- d. Johnson: Where do minutes and agendas go?
  - i. Goodson: They will be going on the website and archived will be going in SharePoint.
  - ii. Khan: Will they be going on teams?
    - 1. Upshaw: Each senator can post on their teams page for their constituency.
- e. Khan: Can senators meet with their Deans once a month.
  - i. Upshaw: We can ask. She will ask the Deans if senators can meet with their deans once a month to have good communication going back and forth. Perhaps include a report from the senators' meetings with Deans.
- f. There is an absentee policy. Today will not count.
  - i. Goodson: Went over absent policy.
- g. Senate preferred meeting time: 10 to noon.

### III. SB37 and RR 06.100

- a. Upshaw: Gives a recap of what is happening because of S.B. 37 and how it pertains to us as a Faculty Senate.
- b. Upshaw: Our BOR has given us approval to continue. Reads BOR policies on shared governance.

### IV. Review draft of new Charter/Bylaws

- a. Upshaw: describes the process of updating charter and bylaws. Also points out the changes within the charter and bylaws.
- b. Otteson: moves to approve charter contingent upon OGC's approval of what they are looking at.
  - i. Eimerbrink seconds.
  - ii. Discussion:
    - 1. Khan: What is the role of the Parliamentarian?
      - a. Upshaw: Points out where in charter the parliamentarian role is explained. Parliamentarian keeps meetings on task and how meetings are run.
    - 2. Upshaw: Article I, Section 2, Paragraph 3: take out parliamentarian and move to 4 at large. One will be chosen as parliamentarian. Other three at large will be put forth as Presiding Officer, Associate Presiding Officer, and Secretary.
    - 3. Lozada: Moves to amend the document:
      - a. Amendments:
        - i. Article I, Section 2, Paragraph 3 change to: "The voting membership of the faculty elect four at large members."
        - ii. Article I, Section 2, Paragraph 4 should say: "The Faculty Senate will appoint one of those at large members to parliamentarian."
        - iii. Article III, Section 4 Paragraph 1 changed to say: "Upon ratification of new charter, the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian elected in April 2024 and April 2025 will become at large members of the Faculty Senate.
        - iv. Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph 2 changed to say: "Nomination may be self-nomination or nomination from the at large membership of the Senate body, but all nominations must have a second affirming vote from another current Senator."

- b. Johnson seconds.
      - c. Discussion:
      - d. Yes: 10
      - e. No: 0
    - 4. Otteson amends motion to approve Charter with amendments
      - a. Seconded by Nagumo
      - b. Yes: 10
      - c. No: 0
  - iii. Bylaws tabled
- V. Committees – Senator Reps are needed for each committee. Senators are not on committees and are not chairs. Senators bring back information to the Senate from the committees. Senators should send Upshaw which committees they would like to represent.
- a. Academic Affairs
  - b. Faculty Work-Life
  - c. Information Tech
  - d. Library
  - e. Nominations & Elections
  - f. Charter/Constitution & By-Laws
  - g. Faculty Handbook
  - h. Annual Administrator Advisory Review
- VI. Graduate School Council Rep
- a. Needs a rep.
- VII. Faculty Senate Budget
- a. We have funds to send two TCFS and pay dues, light refreshments for meetings, and for medallions for Faculty Senators to wear to graduation.
- VIII. Schedule of Meetings: General Assembly will be on October 3, 2025 and will be 1.5 hours.
- a. Sept. 5
  - b. Oct. 3
  - c. Nov. 7
  - d. Dec. 5
  - e. Jan 9 or 16 (Classes begin Jan. 12)
  - f. Feb. 6
  - g. Mar. 6 (Spring Break Mar 9 – 13)
  - h. Apr. 3
  - i. May 5 (Transition to new FS)
- IX. Adjourn (11:11am)
- a. Otteson motions.
    - i. Sanders seconds.
    - ii. Yes: 10
    - iii. No: 0