

Baylor University Faculty Senate Minutes
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
21 April 2020
3:30pm-5:00pm

Present: Sara Alexander, Barbara Purdum-Cassidy, Cassy Burleson, Holly Collins, Matt Cordon, Derek Dodson, Nathan Elkins, James Ellor, Renee Flippo, Christopher Hansen, Beth Hultquist, Kristi Humphreys, Kathy Hurtt, Karen LeCompte, Michael Long, Jason MacGregor, Horace Maxile, Bill Neilson, Curt Nichols, Joyce Nuner, Maxey Parrish, Coretta Pittman, Tom Potts, Brian Raines, Denyse Rodgers, Keith Schubert, Carol Schuetz, Jennings Sheffield, Ann Shoemaker, Steven Sielaff, Kathy Steely, Josh Strakos, Mike Stroope, Lynn Tatum, Mark Taylor, Randy Umstead, Anzhong Wang, Stanley Wilfong

I. Call to Order: Chair Brian Raines—3:30pm

Single agenda item to formulate statement for the Baylor University Senior Administration.

First item of business: rescind motions passed at the April 14, 2020 meeting.

Senator Tatum moved: Rescind Motion 1 passed at April 14, 2020, meeting. Senator Schubert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Senator Schubert moved: Rescind Motion 2 passed at April 14, 2020, meeting. Senator Potts seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Lynn Tatum moved that the FS adopt the following statement. Senator Potts seconded:

The Faculty Senate expresses its appreciation to the university's leadership in this unprecedented time of crisis and challenge. We express our commitment to work productively and in partnership with our administration and board of regents to shepherd the university through this crisis.

The Faculty Senate recognizes the need for a temporary 2.8% cut in retirement contributions to the retirement accounts of faculty and staff.

The Faculty Senate commits to working closely and transparently with the administration to address this and any other faculty issues as this crisis unfolds.

The Faculty Senate is grateful to the administration for its actions so far, and we look forward to working as partners in keeping Baylor strong.

Discussion on the motion: Question—should the Senate statement include message of support of the Senior Administration. Senators spoke ‘for’ and ‘against’. Conclusion: statement as written already expresses support for Senior Administration.

Senator Schubert called the question. Senator Rodgers seconded. Passed. Motion to send statement as written passed unanimously.

Further discussion: Senators discussed messaging to the BU faculty containing the above statement. Chair Raines with Senators drafted an email to be sent to the faculty.

- II. Adjournment: Senator Potts moved to adjourn. Senator Schubert seconded. Senate adjourned at 5:58pm.

Submitted by Senator Michael Long, Secretary