



# UH Faculty Senate

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024  
12:00 p.m.**

Faculty Senate President Holley Love called the October 16, 2024, Faculty Senate meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. She welcomed senators and guests to the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: (121)**

- ARCH: J. Feng, D. Froehlich, M. Kyropoulou, E. Morshedzadeh, P. Peters
- ARTS: A. Cachia, J. Derges, J. Jansen, R. Koontz, D. Robinson, T. Van Kekerix, K. Vlahos
- BUS: S. Basu, B. Carlin, W. Chin, B. Khumawala, H. Lin, A. Lish, M. Murray, M. Stewart
- EDU: S. Brower, B. Davis, T. Fedor Amador, S. Gronseth, K. Hassett, N. Smith
- ENGR: G. Aksu, R. Ballarini, D. Burleson, B. Detillier, M. El Nahas, S. Joshi, T. Liao, P. Lindner, S. Long, H. Love, F. Merchant, M. Moges, H. Rifai, D. Shattuck, J. Zhang, G. Zouridakis
- GHL: P. Guchait, Y. Koh, M. Lee, J. Madera, C. Taylor
- HON: M. Hanke, D. Price, B. Rayder
- LAW: K. Brem, S. Chandler, R. Knake Jefferson
- CLASS: A. Badas, W. Breslin, F. Bunta, A. Castilla-Earls, A. Christensen, P. Cirino, M. Cottingham, M. Cuesta, C. Ferrell, S. Gellon, H. Glass, A. Golubev, E. Goodin-Mayeda, S. Grigorian, K. Haubrick, A. Hernandez, K. Hopkins, M. Ivey, J. Kleinheider, L. Leasure, M. Markofski, D. Mazella, V. Ng, A. Pegoda, C. Sisk, A. Thrasher, D. Womble
- LIB: V. Douglas, L. Martin, A. Santiago, S. Thompson, M. Warren
- COM: O. Adepoju, G. Gomez, B. King, K. Pilkinton
- NSM: K. Bassler, T. Bawa-Khalife, B. Bodmann, A. Czader, B. L. Farmer, R. Forrest, C. Lin, A. Medrano, R. Meisel, O. Miljanic, G. Morrison, E. Papadakis, D. Pattison, J. Subhlok, C. Wayne, J. Yang
- CON: D. Smith
- OPT: T. Ferreira, R. Manny, C. Nguyen, J. O'Brien, J. Porter
- PHA: D. Chow, J. Hao, B. McConnell, M. Tejada Simon, D. Thornton, M. Trivedi
- HSPA: C. Bronk
- RES FAC: M. Ishibashi

**MEMBERS ABSENT: (30)**

- ARTS: R. Bush
- BUS: B. Li, Y. Zhao
- EDU: C. Arbona, M. Hale, A. Peters-Hawkins, V. Snodgrass Rangel
- ENGR: J. Evans, D. Litvinov, D. Liu, Y. Yao
- HON: R. Sharp
- LAW: E. Berman
- CLASS: J. Babcock, T. Chatagnier, V. Maheshri
- COM: D. Curtis
- NSM: R. Capuano, B. Dauwalder, S. Gilbertson, T. Gill, R. Lee, R. Stewart
- OPT: L. Ostrin, C. Ribelayga

PHA: A. Marwaha, V. Tam  
RES CTR: J. Brgoch  
GCSW: J. Berger Cardoso

**GUESTS:** Raymond Bartlett (SVP, Administration & Finance), Nancy Blair (Asst. VP, Univ. Marketing), Jim Briggs (Assoc. Provost, Faculty Affairs), Diane Z. Chase (SVP & Provost, Academic Affairs), Ann Dayton (Institutional Effectiveness), Mike Emery (Univ. Marketing & Communications), Lauren Gottlieb-Miller (Univ. Libraries), Lisa Holdeman (VP Marketing & Comm), Mike Johnson (Chief of Staff, President's Office), Renu Khator (President, UH), Sarah Larsen (Dean, Graduate School), Jennifer Lazzaro (UHIT), Claudia Neuhauser (VP for Research), J. R. Rao (ENGR), Nia Soeharto (MEC), Sunny Wong (Hobby School of Public Affairs)

### **Approval of Minutes: September 18, 2024 Meeting**

The minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **Report from and Discussion with 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:

- Faculty Awards: Call for nominations will be sent out soon.
- Fall Faculty Event: November 6, 2024, 2pm-4pm, Houston Room, Student Center South; Invitation will be sent out shortly. This event will give faculty a chance to meet and celebrate gains made, student success, etc.
- UH Katy Campus: Starting conversations about what programs are desired at this campus.
- Student Success:
  - Retention goal: 90%
  - Graduate goal: 70%
  - IR Analysis: If the other public institutions stayed at the same ranking and UH improved their goals, UH would be in the top 50 public schools. Much of what UH is doing to reach the top 50 ranking is achievable (173 more students to retain and 269 students to graduate).
  - Academic Affairs will create another ad hoc group to brainstorm more ideas on student success
  - The office for Student Success will launch a progress report campaign. Navigate system has identified students at risk and the office has urged faculty to fill out the form.

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 reported on the following items:

- Game day closure of buildings near the stadium:
  - Buildings are closed due to vandalism of building (esp. restrooms). Science buildings are located near the stadium and thus were affected by the closure. SVP Bartlett received input from NSM on how to protect UH assets while maintaining the UH's core mission.
- Reminders:
  - Faculty/Staff Homecoming Tailgate, October 26, 2024, Time TBA
  - November 1, 2024, Human Resources will roll out new applicant tracking system (replaces Taleo)
  - CTAP – Cougar Textbook Access Program: Continues to a success: exceeds expectations fiscally for students. An application was submitted for the Star Award to the State.

Q&A session followed which focused on parking costs, safety in parking garages, and faculty parking at the stadium garage.

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

VP Claudia Neuhauser reported on the following items:

- Expenditure data will be finalized by January 2024.
- Awards were up considerably (up \$158M)
- Research Priorities:
  - Tentative
  - Will bring the list to college deans tomorrow
  - There will be a comment period for the community.

**Can't Stop Houston Campaign presentation by University Vice President for Marketing and Communications: [Lisa K. Holdeman](#)**

VP Lisa Holdeman and Assistant VP Nancy Blair gave a presentation on the launch of Can't Stop Houston Campaign.

Fall 2024 Reputational Campaign presentation:

- Vision of becoming a Top 50 Public University – Objectives
  - Inspire prospective students and faculty to join us
  - Instill pride and confidence within our community
  - Invite donors to take part in Centennial campaign
  - Influence peer universities to look to UH as a top-tier institution
- Can't Stop Houston story
- Establishing Art
- Internal Launch Channels (AccessUH, CoogNews, Digital Screens, MARCOM Website Header, UH Go Push Notification, Housing Flyers, Activation Event – UH vs. Iowa State, 9/28)
- Key Milestones to Date:
  - Presentation of campaign to President's Operations team, Board of Visitors, Provost Cabinet, Dean's Council and other divisions
  - Preview of tagline in NCAA Commercial
- What's Next
  - Complete campaign style guide mid-October
  - Rollout campaign style guide with guidance on adoption starting late October
    - UMC will hold sessions to review guidelines and way to adopt campaign
  - External media placement and external rollout starting mid-November

A brief Q&A session followed.

**Measurement & Evaluation Center (MEC) Update by Program Director, [Nia Soeharto](#)**

Dr. Nia Soeharto gave a presentation on the newest features in the Course Evaluation.

- Course Evaluation timeline
- AI Summarization of Student Comments
- Adding Personalized Questions to the Course Evaluation

- Tableau Dashboards – visualization of evaluation reports
- Exam Grading issues (if time allows)

Q&A session followed.

**Fall 2024 Special Election Results by FGC Chair: [Susie Gronseth](#)**

FGC Chair announced the September 2024 special election results.

- **Swati Basu**, GPSC seat, C. T. Bauer College of Business
- **Marc Hanke**, RSC seat, The Honors College
- **Joshua Jansen**, At-Large seat, Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts
- **David Mazella**, At-Large seat, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
- **Ognjen Miljanic**, RSC seat, College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics
- **Marcus Stewart**, UC seat, C. T. Bauer College of Business
- **George Zouridakis**, At-Large seat, Cullen College of Engineering

FGC Chair Susie Gronseth congratulated and welcomed the newest senators. She also mentioned that vacant seats will be filled by a special election later this fall.

<u>College</u>	<u>Seat</u>
McGovern College of the Arts	GPSC
C. T. Bauer College of Business	UC
Cullen College of Engineering	At-Large (2 seats)
Law Center	At-Large
Gessner College of Nursing	GPSC (2 seats), RSC, At-Large
Hobby School of Public Affairs	GPSC (2 seats), RSC, UC
Graduate College of Social Work	At-Large, GPSC (2 seats)
University Libraries	GPSC

**Report from and Discussion by Faculty Senate President: [Holley Love](#)**

**FS President Holley Love reported on the following items:**

- Faculty/Staff Homecoming Tailgate, October 26, 2024
- APeX Talk by Dr. Bin Hu (ENGR), October 23, 2024, 12:15pm-1:15pm, rm 306 M. D. Anderson Library and MS Teams
- APeX Talk by Dr. Jae-Hee Jung, October 30, 2024, 12:15pm-1:15pm, rm 306 M. D. Anderson Library and MS Teams
- Early Voting, October 21 – November 1, Voting poll at UH for Harris County voters.
- Fall Faculty Celebration, November 6, 2-4 pm, Houston Room, Student Center South
- Ongoing Senate Committee Work – FS Pres. Love encouraged senators to communicate the good work to their departments and share with colleagues.

**New Business - None**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.**