



**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
12:00 p.m.**

Faculty Senate President David Shattuck called the December 14, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (100)

ARCH: D. Froehlich, M. Kyropoulou, E. Morshedzadeh
ARTS: R. Bush, J. Derges, S. Matijcio, Robinson, Daryl, T. Van Kekerix
BUS: C. Becker, B. Carlin, M. Murray, J. Porra
EDU: C. Arbona, S. Brower, B. Davis, S. Gronseth, K. Hassett, M. Lee, A. Peters, V. Rangel
ENGR: C. Chang, J. Conrad, K. Grigoriadis, H. Love, Y. Mo, J. Rao, H. Rifai, M. Robertson, D. Shattuck
HRM: T. Legendre, S. Sujata, C. Taylor
LAW: J. Nelson, E. Trujillo
CLASS: K. Anderson, W. Breslin, F. Bunta, L. Camaj, M. Cuesta, M. Goldberg, E. Goodin-Mayeda, S. Grigorian, K. Haubrick, M. Ivey, J. Kleinheider, M. Knoblauch, D. Papell, A. Pegoda, E. Simas, C. Sisk, C. Tamber-Rosenau, A. Viana, D. Womble, Z. Xiao, L. Zhu
LIB: K. Creelman, T. Davis-Van Atta, V. Douglas, S. Thompson, A. Wu
NSM: M. Almus, K. Bassler, T. Bawa-Khalfe, B. Bodmann, J. Briggs, R. Capuano, A. Czader, B. Dauwalder, L. Farmer, R. Lee, J. May, R. Meisel, E. Papadakis, D. Pattison, J. Subhlok, A. Vershynina, B. Xhabli, J. Yang
CON: L. McWilliams, P. Schrader
OPT: D. Coates, R. Manny, S. Modi, J. O'Brien, J. Porter
PHA: G. Cuny, A. Marwaha, D. Thornton, M. Trivedi, G. Udugamasooriya
GCSW: S. Narendorf
TECH: B. Detillier, M. El Nahas, J. Evans, F. Merchant, Xiaojing Yuan

MEMBERS ABSENT: (43)

ARCH: J. Feng, P. Peters
ARTS: J. Evans, R. Koontz
BUS: S. Basu, N. Celly, P. Kumar, H. Lin, A. Lish
ENGR: D. Burleson, D. Litvinov, D. Liu
HRM: Y. Koh, J. Madera
HSPA: D. Engster
LAW: D. Fagundes
LIB: M. Warren
CLASS: E. Alemán, J. Babcock, P. Chakrabarti, A. Christensen, P. Cirino, M. Cottingham, H. Glass, P. Gutierrez, A. Hernandez, S. Scarrow
COM: G. Gomez, K. Pilkinton
NSM: J. Brgoch, S. Gilbertson, T. Gill, A. Medrano
RES CTRS: S. Chung
RES FAC: O. Bannova

GCSW: S. Ali, S. Narendorf
PHA: D. Chow
TECH: A. Conklin, 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), Jennifer Holland (Univ. Libraries), Cathy Horn (College of Education), Athena Jackson (Univ. Libraries), Michael Johnson, (President's Office), Renu Khator (President's Office), Sarah Larsen (The Graduate School), Longacre, Teri (Undergraduate Student Success), Robert McPherson (Academic Affairs), Marilyn Myers (Univ. Libraries), Claudia Neuhauser (Div. of Research), Dan O'Connor (CLASS)

Approval of Minutes: November 16, 2022 Meeting

Minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

Report from and Discussion with the University of Houston System Chancellor and University of Houston President: [Renu Khator](#)

Pres. Renu Khator reported on the following items:

- Fall 2023 Commencements: December 16 & 17, 2022
 - 3,745 students graduating this term
 - Dr. Khator thanked the faculty for their work in helping reach this milestone.
- Enrollment:
 - Spring 2023: enrollment is up by 1%
 - Fall 2023: enrollment unclear as of now. However, there's a 30% increase in applications. More students are wanting to go to UH: especially with the influence of UH Basketball success.
- Athletics
 - UH Basketball: game against Virginia this Saturday, Dec. 17th
 - UH Football: next game is scheduled for December 23rd
 - UH will join the Big 12 on August 1, 2023.
- Interest in building an academic consortium
- State Legislation Updates: The 88th legislative session will convene January 10, 2023
 - UH has a major budget request of \$1B
 - Pres. Khator will be visiting Austin more frequently in the spring.
 - UH Day – March 2, 2023
- Faculty Open House
 - Theme: I Love the 80's
 - Pres. Khator showed pictures from the event.

Q&A Session: None

Pres. Renu Khator wished everyone a happy holiday break and a fabulous new year.

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:

- The Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship was ranked #1 for the fourth consecutive year.
- The Honors College Dean Search:

- Dr. McPherson is in negotiations with the final candidate and an announcement will be made either prior to the winter break or shortly after the break. He thanked the search committee for their hard work.
- College of Education Dean Search: a national search will be launched in January 2023.
- There about 250 students nearing their sixth year at UH. Academic advisors are working closely with these students to help them get closer to graduation.

Q&A Session: None

Provost Search Committee Update by Co-Chairs: [Cathy Horn](#) and [Ramanan Krishnamoorti](#)

Co-Chair Cathy Horn thanked the UH community for their investment in this important search. The three finalists have visited the campus the last two weeks. Campus feedback was sent to the search firm and in turn this feedback was presented to President Khator along with the search committee’s feedback for her deliberation. The Provost Search Committee’s work has concluded. Drs. Horn and Krishnamoorti expressed their gratitude in being a part of this important process. Dr. Horn also thanked the search committee for doing their yeoman’s share of the work.

FS President David Shattuck thanked the Provost Search Committee for their outstanding work and dedication.

Loren Blanchard	Fatima Merchant
Vallabh Das	Jay Neal
Fleurette Fernando	Dan O’Connor
Scott Gilbertson	Jessica Roberts
Athena Jackson	Mario Romero-Ortega
Norman Johnson	Donnell Young
Elias Loria	Ruiwen Zhang

Co-Chairs: Cathy Horn and Ramanan Krishnamoorti

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:

- Cougar Textbook Access Program Update (CTAP)
 - 32,000 students currently participating in this program which yields a savings of \$1.8M for the students
 - CTAP continues to expand: faculty and students have been supportive
 - Raymond Bartlett asked FS Pres. Shattuck that Dr. Emily Messa be invited to a Senate meeting to give a more in-depth presentation about CTAP.
- Travel Policy/Procedures
 - A final draft has been received in SVP Bartlett’s office and he will review the recommendations for improvement.

A brief Q&A session followed.

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

VP Claudia Neuhauser reported on the following items:

- DoR Personnel:

- Three more staff were hired for the Office of Contracts & Grants. This office is now fully staffed.
- Updating DoR Functions
 - Four-phase project: Change how systems are accessed (i.e., Phase 1 no cost extension training)
- Research Café Workshops
 - DoR renamed their Faculty Café Workshops to “Research Café Workshops”
 - Will make a few changes to location and workshop formats
- Core Facilities
 - Rolling out core facilities website – much more detailed; The new website will be announced in the Inside Research Newsletter next Wednesday.

Q&A Session: None

Dr. Claudia Neuhauser wished everyone a happy holiday break.

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

FS President David Shattuck summarized his report.

- After the recent staff hiring, improvements in DoR should be seen starting January 2nd
- The Honors College Dean Search has concluded and the new dean will be announced when appropriate.
- The Provost Search Committee concluded their search and the next steps for final selection are underway.
- Enhanced Performance Evaluation Policy – EPE (Post-tenure review) was approved at the December 1, 2022 Board of Regents meeting and will be effective January 1, 2023 calendar year evaluation period.
- Faculty Senate Website
 - FS Pres. David Shattuck thanked the Senate website development team for their hard work and dedication in overhauling the Senate website.

Jim Briggs
 Paul Butler
 Vallabh Das
 Kevin Glidden, Student Volunteer
 Susie Gronseth
 Julia Kleinheider
 Jaana Porra, Chair

FS Pres. Shattuck thanked the Provost for providing the meeting refreshments.

New Business

None

Door Prize

FS President-elect Susie Gronseth presented Sen. Bernhard Bodmann with the door prize.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.