

Faculty Senate Meeting  
When: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 ±3:30pm  
Where: Zoom @ <https://fit.zoom.us/j/95744544218>

### Minutes

Senators Present: Faculty Senate President Tolga Turgut (Aeronautics), Faculty Senate Secretary Aaron Welters (MTH), Vipuil Kishore (BCES), William Bowman (LIB), Pallav Ray (OEMS), David Wilder (BA), Kenia Nunes (BCES), Steven Rivet (Business), Jordan Poole (Aeronautics), Gary Zarillo (OEMS), Ersoy Subasi (Aeronautics), Angel Otero (Business Online), Razvan Rusovici (APSS), Jessica Wildman (PSY), Csaba Palotai (APSS), Charles



Mehmet Kaya asks the question: Do you have any candidates yet based on these surveys? Dr. Mason responds: We are optimistic we will soon. Individuals who are suggested via the survey will be contacted and encouraged to apply.

Brian Lail asks the question: What are the terms, like executive leadership, and terms of that nature which describe the leadership background, were the surveys indicative of a preference towards the academic leadership aspect of the background of a candidate, or is it

their experiences, things that have worked DV ZHOO DV WKRVH WKDW KDYHQ¶W ZR  
coped and adapted. For them to be able to develop vision, strategy and innovation in this type  
of institution and this type of leadership role.

A point is raised privately from the Faculty Senate: There is not female representation in  
the Search Advisory Committee from the Faculty side, according to the list. Travis Proctor  
responds: Until you pointed that out it, it had not come to my attention as well. We asked for all  
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representatives are male 7KDW¶V VRPHWKLQJ ZH FDQ OD.R¶Tugutw DQG ,¶OO

maybe see if we can identify a couple of female faculty members that would may be added.  
Thanks for putting that forward. Tolga Turgut responds: It is important to note that The  
Academic Committee chair of our Board of Trustees is a female, namely, Dr. Svafa Gronfeldt.

Paula do Vale Pereira asks a question:

*President's Report:*

President Tolga Turgut discussed that he has been very busy with the President Search Committee trying to contribute as best as he can, advocating for

## New Business

### *AFTC Charter Revision:*

The shared document is the recommendation, from the AFTC members of which there are four of them, regarding a more comprehensive charter. I would like everyone to take this back to your departments and colleges and share it with your faculty so that you can come back with feedback on this new charter. The AFTC is the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, and it is among the more important committees.

Nasri Nesnas asks a question: What about members that have been in the Administration, what language is included to address that? Tolga Turgut responds: Nothing at the moment but serving in the past should not exclude you for either administrator or Senators to be fair. Nasri Nesnas responds: There is clear a distinction between having served as a Senator and having served as an administration.

Vipuil Kishore asks the question: Are we voting on the AFTC charter in the next faculty senate meeting? Tolga Turgut responds: Yes. But we will debate prior to voting. But the feedback that you bring from your constituents must be representative of the faculty as well not just personal. , GRQ¶W OLNH WR UXVK DQ\ YRWH EXW LI ZH IHHO LW L then it will be postponed.

Nezam N.K. says that it seems from before it was only Senators could serve on the AFTC and now its only Faculty but not Senators can serve which is far from where we started. Also, if you get elected to AFTC while being a Senator you should resign as Senator to avoid conflict of interest.

Nasri Nesnas says that he understands there has been a shift from the original charter WKDW LV YHU\ GLIIHUHQW IURP WKH FXUUHQW FKDUWHU EXW KH concern is that AFTC was set out to have five members and in the new charter will still have five members, but now it only has four members who are making dramatic changes. He is not even sure if there is a chair or if they have elected a chair. Tolga Turgut responds: No not yet as there is a call for nomination. Nasri Nesnas responds: I think that they should proceed in the order of assembling the AFTC before revising a charter.

Tolga Turgut recommends that we reread the new charter and the old charter. Also watch a couple of recordings where this was debated. Then inform our constituents.

Tolga Turgut asks for a motion to adjourn.

Senator Gordon Patterson responds. Motion to adjourn.

Julie Costopoulos responds. I second the motion.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm.