

# Faculty Senate

## September 2022

### Meeting Minutes



**Date:** Thursday, September 15, 2022

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Location:** Information Commons- Boardroom

**Facilitator:** Dr. Trish White – President of Faculty Senate

**In Attendance:**

- **Officers Present:** Mr. Jared Durden (Treasurer), Ms. Shelby Gannott (Communications), Ms. Tracie Liska (Secretary)
- **Officers Absent:** Mr. Andrew Crocker
- **Senators Present:** Mr. Peris Carr, Ms. Katherine Craft, Ms. Dandy Finney, Dr. Tiffany Ford, Ms. Kimberly Griffin, Ms. Susan Inman, Mr. Daniel Kopsas, Mr. Jeff Kulback, Mr. Gabe McLaughlin, Ms. Angie Messner,
- **Senators Absent:** Ms. Cara Griffin, Mr. Matt Ogden
- **Faculty and Special Guests:** Ms. Sherry Coker, Ms. Jennifer Dunkel, Dr. Vivian Elder, Ms. Donna Pritchard, Dr. Jayna Spindler, Dr. Megan Weaver

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Dr. Trish White

**Program:**

- Introductions of new officers.
  - Welcome to all of those new to the Faculty Senate
  - The website has been updated - thank you, Shelby
- Constitution, Procedures, and Protocols
  - During faculty senate meetings, we will be utilizing Robert's Rules and following meeting etiquette
  - 10-minute limit for all agenda items, unless a motion to extend is requested and seconded
  - Nameplates and flags will be available to senators to utilize during meeting times
    - Attendees via Zoom will use the hand raise feature
- Changes in Academic Support Services – *Dr. Megan Weaver* - Assistant Chancellor of Academic Support present for discussion
  - Name change from Academic Services to [Academic Support](#)
  - Academic innovation, testing services, and DSS are working for more consistent student support at all locations
  - Library Resources, Tutoring, and Testing Services are available to all students at all locations. TRC will have in-person tutoring
  - Testing Services can help students with accommodations and off-site testing location approvals for proctored exams
  - DSS can be utilized by students for testing. Contact the DSS office to schedule
  - Please provide feedback when students and/or instructors run into barriers or obstacles during the scheduling of proctored exams

- The Student Learning Experience Task Force - *Ms. Jennifer Dunkel* present as a representative of the task force
  - Collected feedback from students during the Spring 2022 semester
  - Please check out the website and provide feedback: [Student Learning Experience Task Force - Student Learning Experience \(otc.edu\)](#)
  - During the fall 2022 semester, the task force will be collecting feedback from faculty
  - It is still a work in progress
- Faculty Voice Survey - *Mr. Jared Durden*
  - There will be a survey coming to all faculty – TBA
  - Submissions are completely anonymous
  - Please encourage all faculty to give feedback and be involved – your voice has value!
  - Improving the student experience comes from growing a culture of learning within the faculty
  - Possible sessions for further discussion may be available after the survey results are collected
- Faculty on Teams
  - There is a Faculty Senate page for all senators
    - If you do not have access, please let Dr. White know
  - Teacher Talk is available to all faculty
    - Great way to communicate, collaborate and share with other faculty members
    - If you would like to be included, please reach out to Trish White or Jared Durden.

***Reports and Announcements:***

- Treasurer's Report – *Mr. Jared Durden*
  - No changes
- Academic Council – *Ms. Tracie Liska*
  - Meeting next week and will update in October
- Strategic Planning Council – *Dr. Trish White*
  - Planning is in process for new goals
  - Encourage participation in planning meetings available to faculty
- IT Council – *Dr. Vivian Elder* update
  - **Potential** switch from Zoom to Teams
  - What does Zoom have that faculty needs in Teams?
- If anyone is interested in holding a seat on one of the other available councils, please let Dr. White know
- [Adjunct Longevity Awards and Honors](#)
  - Adjuncts were recognized with certificates and cookies for their continued service to OTC
  - Longevity Plaques were presented for 30 years of service to Jerri Graven (Mathematics) and Edward Ramey (Political Science)

***New Business:*** The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Thursday, October 20 at 3:00 pm

***Adjournment:*** The meeting was adjourned by motion and seconded at 3:52 pm