

**2021-2022 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 3pm – 5pm CST Via Zoom**

**Community Agreement**

*The UTRGV Faculty Senate is brought together in the spirit of shared governance to move forward in a positive open manner for input that allows all stakeholders to speak regarding policy and process formation. To create a safe environment where everyone's opinions are valued and considered, let us observe the following:*

- 1. Try to be on time to the meeting and actively participate*
- 2. Review the pre-reading materials to be discussed, and if you plan to comment have your thoughts organized in advance*
- 3. Assume positive intent, seek to understand, be inclusive, bring productive energy to discussions*
- 4. Only one person speaks at a time (use raise hand feature to be recognized)-chat is not part of the official record (will not be included in the minutes).*
- 5. Respect and acknowledge everyone's opinions, even if they differ from yours*
- 6. Confidentiality: some things shouldn't be repeated outside the meeting*

- I. Convene meeting/Attendance/Welcome (3:00pm – 2 minutes)
- II. Report of FS Parliamentarian- Volker Quetschke (1 minutes)
  - a. Roberts rules & Zoom guidelines reminder
- III. Report of the FS Secretary-Cindy Cripps (5 minutes)
  - a. March 2022 Minutes (pre-reading handout 2.), approval (zoom poll vote)
- IV. Report – President-Elect Kip Hinton (5 minutes)
- V. Report - President Karin Lewis (2 minutes)
- VI. Guest Presentations (3:15pm)
  - a. Special Committee Policy Revisions (draft) Annual Review (Tenured/Tenure Track part) (pre-reading handout 3.)
  - b. TX Senate Interim Charges (pre-reading handout 4.)
- VII. FS questions, comments, points of information re: presentations (60 minutes)
- VIII. Old Business (30 minutes)
  - a. Response from Council of Chairs re: FS motion regarding dept. budget transparency (pre-reading handout 5.)
  - b. Brief update on SCTE work
  - c. Fuat Firat & Randall Monty–Draft Resolution (pre-reading handout 6.) Discussion. Possible vote.
- IX. FS Committee reports/motions discussion – (10 minutes)
  - a. FS Educational Policy Committee report
  - b. TEEOC Committee Report (pre-reading handout 7)
- X. New Business (5 minutes)
  - a. Join AAUP <https://www.aaup.org/membership/join>

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- i. Active AAUP chapters serve the profession at hundreds of accredited colleges and universities. While all AAUP chapters promote basic academic freedom, quality education, and other core AAUP principles, additional chapter activities are determined by campus activities and needs.
    - ii. Many AAUP chapters take an active role in campus politics, in conjunction with faculty senates or separately. Some work with other local AAUP chapters on state-level issues. Some serve as collective bargaining agents for faculty and other academic professionals on campus. Chapters often hold forums on topics such as salary equity or the tenure process, host social events, and bring in invited speakers. Many produce newsletters or websites.
  - b. Fuat Firat announcement
  - c. The Provost's Office is working on faculty technology costs/technology replacement and upgrade schedule and budget
  - d. Proposed revisions to the Faculty Developmental Leave policy anticipated presentation for May FS meeting
- XI. Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 (3pm-5pm) via Zoom
- a. Newly elected senators will be confirmed
- XII. Meeting adjourned (5:00pm)