# **Taft College Academic Senate Council Minutes DRAFT**

Monday, April 7, 2025

Cougar Room

12:10 pm - 1:00 pm

# **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:12pm by President Duron.

### Attendees

The following faculty members attended: Abbott, Berry, Bledsoe, Cahoon (M), Cahoon (N), Clark, Devine, Duron, Eigenauer, Getty, Kerr, Jacobi, Kulzer-Reyes, Mayfield, Oja, Payne (R), Raber, Reynolds (J), Richards, Rodenhauser, Smith (T), Webster.

Guests include S. Hornbunk, S. Acosta, J. Lopez, and X. Li.

# **Public Comment**

ASO President Acosta shared about the state-wide General Assembly where their delegate voted on 90 resolutions. After hearing about other students’ experiences, he thanked faculty for their support. A big resolution was about including student services in the 50% law, which the students supported.

# **Action Items**

## Approval of the Minutes

March 3, 2025 meeting: With one typographical correction, the Minutes were approved from the 3/3/25 meeting.

## New Business

* ASCCC Fall 2024 Resolution [105.02](https://asccc-oeri.org/2024/11/10/105-02-f24-encouraging-funding-for-printing-lab-manuals-to-achieve-zero-textbook-cost-ztc-status/) Encouraging Funding for Printing Lab Manuals to Achieve Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Status
	+ OER/ZTC Coordinator Oja shared that one lab manual per section could be about $600 per semester, but there were questions about how much it would cost overall to print lab manuals for all students in courses that had free textbooks but printed lab manuals.
	+ A motion to encourage the college to print lab manuals for all students in courses that had free textbooks but printed lab manuals was made by K. Kulzer-Reyes and seconded by A. Abbott. The motion passed with one abstention (J. Reynolds).
* Faculty Emeritus for Dr. John Eigenauer
	+ The resolution was read by A. Bledsoe (Division Chair of Business, Arts, and Humanities, or BAH). Bledsoe noted that he, K. Bandy, and D. Layne wrote the resolution. With a motion by V. Jacobi and a second by B. Devine, the motion passed.
	+ J. Eigenauer shared his future plans of moving to Paris. He also discussed how teaching critical thinking may change under the CalGETC pathway, but that we all should be teaching deep thinking.
* Faculty Emeritus for Paul Blake: M. Mayfield read the resolution, which was motioned by V. Jacobi and seconed by A. Bledsoe. The motion passed.
* Faculty Replacement Recommendation:
	+ C. Duron introduced that each division provides recommendations for retirees or resignations. Here are the division recommendations for the following disciplines with a retiree:
		- Engineering: The Math/Science Division recommends to replace the position because the program needs coordination.
		- Computer Information System and Philosophy: The BAH recommends to not replace the position.
		- Dental Hygiene: As G. Gardner accepted the permanent director role, her faculty position (which is currently filled by a temporary faculty) will be open. The division recommends a replacement.
	+ The motion to accept these recommendations and share with the college president by R. Payne and a second by J. Reynolds passed.
* ACCJC Annual Report and Fiscal Report
	+ X. Li introduced the Annual Report. The Fiscal Report was not shared at this time. The biggest change was that some of the achievement and learning outcome data needed to be posted online, and it was. X. Li also mentioned with areas included WesTec students and which did not.
	+ W. Berry motioned to accept the report, with a second by N. Cahoon. The motion passed.
* Institution Set Standards (ISS):
	+ X. Li shared how the achievable and aspirational goals were developed. It was also shared that the great increase in certificates was our addition of making it easy to apply for a certificate that students completed their General Education pathway.
	+ There was a motion to approve the ISS’s by D. Bogle and a second by A. Abbott. The motion passed.
* Comprehensive Program Review Process
	+ X. Li introduced the suggested changes to the comprehensive program review process as we’re now in the third of the 3-year pilot process.
	+ C. Duron noted that the Academic Senate Council had suggested wording changes to the section on addressing concerns of the supervising administrator. The suggested wording would be:
		- “By adding the text field, any recommendations made by the Vice President will be documented within the form. Recommendations will be forwarded back to the report author for ~~review~~ **dialogue and consideration**. ~~Once recommendations are addressed,~~ The finalized forms will be resubmitted back to ir@taftcollege.edu and added to the shared drive.
		- With this wording change, there was a motion by B. Devine to accept the process changes, which was seconded by M. Mayfield. This motion passed.

# **Presentation**

* AB 928 updates: This presentation was postponed.
* Presentation for SAP 2023-24 data updates:
	+ X. Li presented on the Strategic Action Plan’s annual updates.
	+ Issues were
		- Lowering rates of transfer
		- Lowering rates of SLO proficiency
		- Lowering rates of students taking 15+ units
		- Lowering rates of students receiving financial aid, and
		- Lowering rates of CTE students taking 9+ units
	+ X. Li also shared that she is still taking feedback on the Educational Master Plan.

# **Informational**

* [Spring 2025 Plenary ASCCC Resolutions packet](https://asccc.org/resolutions-process): C. Duron shared that M. Beasley will be the voting delegate at Spring 2025 Plenary

# **Senator Comments**

# **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.