

Prof. Reinisch thanked all faculty again for being patient and being open as we have navigated the pandemic.

Proposed changes to tenure and promotion

He thanked everyone again for all of our work and many meetings to review and approve many of the proposed changes to tenure and promotion.

Enrollment update

Enrollment for Spring 2022 is down 531 students. This is continuing downward and has led to the Spring 2019 to Spring 2020 decline of 1,177 and then the Spring 2020 to Spring 2021 decline

c) Ms. Krystal Emery – TAMUK MarCom Marketing Team

Ms. Emery came to speak to the faculty about the new recruitment and retention campaign that is being implemented by the Marketing and Communications Department. She asked if anyone was familiar with the period of this same campaign. She mentioned that TAMUK has contacted a new agency from San Antonio in November 2020 and that this agency was to bring back the Jaelina Nation identity. She said they have been filming the first few commercials in 6 years and the new commercials will also be available in Spanish for the first time. They have started on the Jaelina Nation campaign already this Spring semester. She asked for feedback from faculty on whether they were familiar with this source from the campaign, and what they thought of the Jaelina Nation. She

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Revisions to Faculty Handbook and AOP1

President Chen then reported that he had received a copy of the revised Faculty Handbook and AOP1 from Professor Reinisch that included the agreed upon changes to promotion and tenure along with additional handbook changes that had been proposed by the Task Force on Faculty Handbook Changes from the 2020-2021 Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee viewed the documents and sent their approval back to Professor Reinisch.

V. Old Business

a) SRI Motion

Discussion continued about the possibility of changing the completion date for SRI to the last day of classes instead of the end of the semester final exams. Secretary Radcliff said that he would contact the Office of Internal Research and Assessment (OIR), who is responsible for the distribution of SRI, and ask if this change is possible and what the procedure would look like to actually change the timeframe.

b) Hiring of Lab Assistants and TAs

It was reported that these positions can be hired at any time. It was brought to attention that sometimes issues in the business office during the hiring process and President Chen and President Elect Machado agreed to pursue this in their next meeting with President Hallmak and Professor Reinisch.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

a) Committee on Committees

President Chen asked Committee Chair Sanchez -Behar to have the committee create the task force previously mentioned to review and suggest multiple options for teaching load and assign time. He asked that the committee be made up of representatives from each College.

b) Resolution Jleo2TE (e)3leo2Ta(m)4345 Td(.)T.-6ee y MC)Tj4e)3 (5e)1Ca(i)1524c)87(i)15(P)-2 (rl.)6e)-1 1 A

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The following edits are concerned with sections H2 and H3 of the Faculty Handbook to reflect University Policy on Official or Excused Absences. This is not a change in policy, the intent of the edits is to help faculty better understand and comply with these policies.

H.2 Class Attendance Policy

Regular, punctual class attendance is important in attaining the educational objectives of the University. Each faculty member will include an attendance policy consistent with University regulations in class syllabi and explain the policy in detail to the class at the beginning of the semester. Each faculty member is encouraged to keep a current attendance record on all students.

The University defines certain types of absences as "official" or "excused" absences (see H.3 for a list of "official" or "excused" absences). For official or excused absences, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor with documentation from the appropriate authority. A student wishing to be excused for any other reason must obtain the approval of each instructor concerned.

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H.3.3 Student Field Trips and Other Official Off-Campus Trips

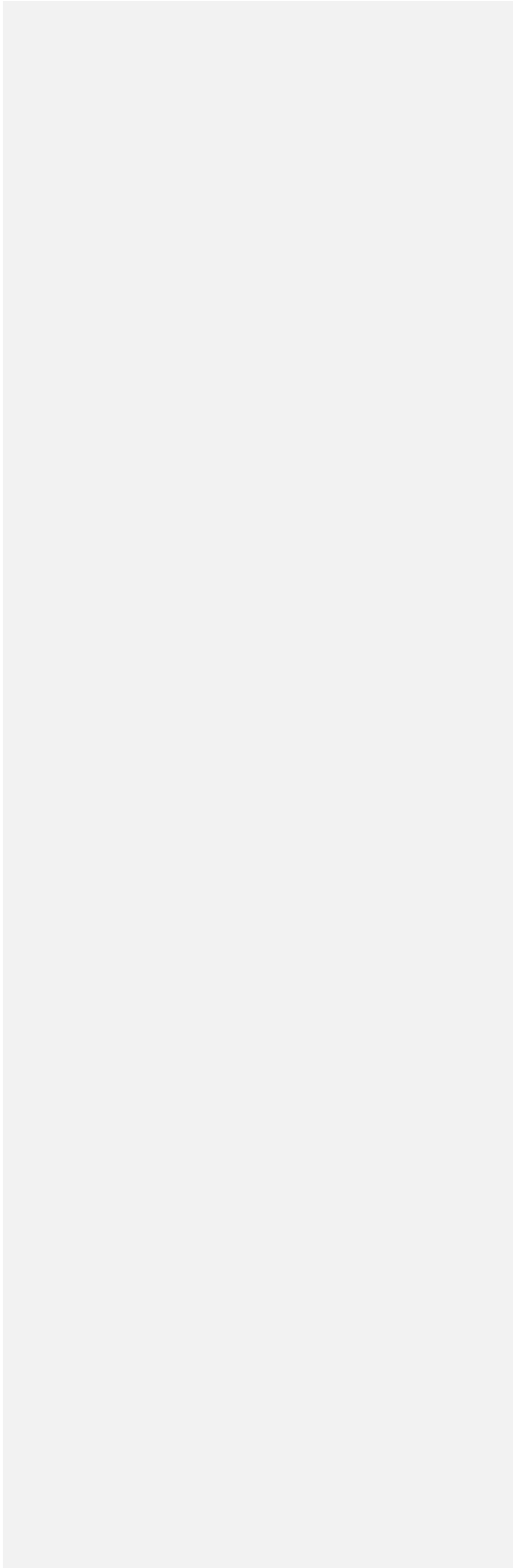
Class field trips, when carefully planned, often have significant value; however, the value of such trips must be weighed not only against that of the faculty member's own class to be missed, but also against that of all the other classes that students will miss.

Field trips not involving class absences, especially those scheduled on Saturdays and holidays and for short distances, may be planned on short notice. They should, however, be approved by the department chair or dean of the college.

Field trips involving class absences should be justified by (1) identifying the value that cannot be obtained by some other means and (2) relating this value to the objectives of a specific course. If a field trip involving class absences is considered indispensable, it should be carefully planned, approved by the chair and college dean, and scheduled well in advance of the trip date.

Trips by student performers and contestants, such as band, athletic teams, and debaters officially representing the University, are scheduled by coaches and faculty sponsors. Trip sponsors are

Current Handbook Language



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