



## Dalton State Faculty Senate

### Minutes of Senate Meeting on September 8, 2022

**Members Present:** Ali Akdeniz, Jacqueline Boals, Susan Burran, Omin Chandler, Cecile de Rocher, Chuck Fink, Carl Gabrini, Tom Gonzalez (Parliamentarian), Kent Harrelson (Secretary), Tim Hawkins, Kim Hays, Bruno Hicks (Provost), Matt Hipps, Calley Hornbuckle, Leah Howell, Natalie Johnson, Michael Joseph, Clint Kinkead, Jon Littlefield, Nancy Mason, Annabelle McKie-Voerste, Holly Miller, Hussein Mohamed (Senate President), Jodie Pack, Jennifer Parker, Jennifer Randall (President-Elect), Deb Richardson, Patrick Ryle, Gregory Smith, Jeff Stanley, Laura Tolliver (Webmaster), Lirong Yu.

**Guests present:** Manal Abdelsamie, Katrina Autry, Karren Bennet, Forrest Blackbourn, Tammy Byron, Anthony Cruz-Delabra, Joy Defoor, Mike D'Itri, Tracy Elias, Sarita Gale, Nick Gewecke, Kim Horne, Katherine Hyatt, Jodi Johnson, Lori McCarty, Rosalva Moso, Lisa Peden, Mellanie Robinson, Barbara Tucker

**Call to Order:** Senate president Hussein Mohamed called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

**Executive Committee:** Hussein thanked outgoing Senate president Christian Griggs and the other members of the previous executive committee for their work and their assistance to him and the incoming executive committee. He introduced the other members of the incoming executive committee: Jennifer Randall, President-Elect; Kent Harrelson, Secretary; Tom Gonzalez, Parliamentarian; and Laura Tolliver, Webmaster.

**Senate policies:** Hussein emphasized the importance of communication between the faculty and members of the senate; he encouraged faculty to contact the senators from their department with their concerns; faculty should also feel free to contact Hussein and the other members of the executive committee.

Parliamentarian Tom Gonzalez outlined the procedures we will follow in meetings; voting will be conducted through the polling feature in Teams. He stated that senators will need to be logged into the meeting in order to vote. Tom stated that we will be following the procedure of Roberts' Rules of Order; senators and guests should be recognized by the President before speaking.

**Committees:** Hussein presented the list of Senate committee members and asked for any corrections to the list. He said that he would contact the senators on each committee to discuss the actions they will need to take before the next Senate meeting.

Forrest Blackburn asked whether the Student Success Committee had been discontinued; Hussein confirmed that it had been.

**Faculty Salaries and Promotion:** Annabelle McKie-Voerste asked whether the \$5,000.00 system-wide pay increase would be factored into the recommendations from the Carl Vinson study. She said that some faculty members who were promoted previously got their full recommended pay increases in addition to the \$5,000.00 increase, but that it was not clear whether this policy would apply in the future. Hussein stated that he would look into the matter and have more information for the October meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no other new business, Hussein adjourned the meeting at 3:26.

**Next meeting:** The next Senate meeting is scheduled for October 13 at 3:15 p.m.