

Roane State Community College
Faculty Senate Minutes, March 20, 2026
2pm EST, Roane County Campus, O-101

ATTENDANCE

Officers

Darren York, President

Jala Daniel, Vice-President

Stacie Bradshaw, Secretary & Senator

Steven Carriger, Parliamentarian & Senator

Humanities

Robert Alfonso, Matthew McDonald, DeAnna Stephens, Myndalyan Word (Adjunct Representative)

Social Science, Business, & Education

Stacie Bradshaw, Steven Carriger, Mike Farmer, Valerie Herd (Alternate)

Math/Science

Tom Lewison

Health Sciences

April Insco, Ricky Terwilliger, Donna Boxell (Alternate)

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Quorum Established at 2:03pm EST
- II. Minutes were approved with no changes to the February meeting
- III. TBR Sub-Council
 - a. There was no meeting, so there is no report for this month
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Employee Assistance Fund: Update

- i. Fully approved and is now available to start collecting funds
- b. TBR Policies and TN State Legislation: Update
 - i. It is likely that the legislation to remove tenure entirely will not pass
 - ii. However, some type of legislation regarding tenure is likely to pass within the next month
 - 1. Most likely version will be one that softens protections for tenured faculty regarding termination policies
 - 2. Two other community colleges are looking at passing resolutions to admonish the legislators involved in this legislation
- c. Syllabus Template
 - i. No discussion
- d. CTAT: Update
 - i. New hire: Dr. Christopher Turpin
 - ii. We have only replaced one of the two openings
- e. Faculty Senate Elections: Update
 - i. Ben has the links created, and those will be sent out the following week.

V. New Business

- a. Form E, Form F
 - i. There were issues that were brought up regarding the scheduling of the timeframe and providing a recommended deadline before the tenure votes in late February
 - ii. Form F is not meant to replace the discussion in the tenure meetings and Form F is not meant to be copied into Form E
 - 1. Deans did complain that they were just copying the same comments multiple times because people were just copying the Form F comments
- b. Academic Festival & Café
 - i. Next Friday is the Academic Festival
 - 1. All employees are required to participate
 - 2. Assignments have been emailed out
 - ii. After the Academic Festival, the afternoon will be the Café with Karen Brunner
 - 1. Lunch will be provided
 - 2. Discussion is on college priorities, strategic planning, etc.
- c. New Received Emails: FS Inbox
 - i. Unusual Academic Terms

1. Questions were raised:
 - a. if we were tracking data on the various terms regarding student success in these various terms
 - b. Why do we have 12-week terms
 - c. Are we tracking to make sure rigor is being maintained in the shortened terms
 2. Discussions were raised about the rationale of the 12-week terms
 3. Discussions about what other colleges are doing with the accelerated terms occurred
 4. Suggested that this topic gets brought up during the division meetings in the fall
 5. Also suggested to chat with administration over the summer about these terms
- ii. Policies, Protocols, Students re: Catalog & Handbook
1. The email was based around what is written in the catalog and handbook and questioning if they are being followed and if we are holding them responsible to these things
 2. Faculty would like to have something that they could point to in order to advise students with expectations, etc.
 3. Question was raised on who was responsible for catalog changes
 4. Concern about faculty responsibilities in the catalog
- iii. New Business: Faculty Safety & Locators
1. Concern brought up regarding safety with having locators outside our office doors showing where we are
 2. Potentially another college has already moved away from this and will be going into full effect this coming academic year
- iv. New Business: One Stop on Friday's
1. Concern brought up that there is no one in One Stop on Friday's to help students
 2. Requested that this concern go to admin

VI. Adjourn @ 3:52pm EST