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Date	2/3/2026
Time	3:00
Location	Zoom and Library

I. Attendance

ATTENDEES						
Chair	Sandra McCarstle					
Vice Chair	Grady Smith					
Note Taker	Gina Wilson					
Attendance	Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
	Jessi Snider	X		Holly Merta	X	
	Julie Rodriguez	X		David Woods		X
	Ken Grubb	X		Matthew Bennett	X	
	David Voulgaris	X		Melissa Moore	X	
	Bracha Silverstone	X		Sharla Walker	X	
	Stacie Ringleb-Krutilek	X				
Others Present	Peter Anderson, Debbie Lutringer,					

Call to Order

1. President Sandra McCarstle called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. She welcomed members and thanked them for their continued participation and preparation.
2. Grady Smith made a motion to accept the agenda, Gina Wilson seconded.
3. President McCarstle read the purpose of Faculty Senate, introduced all members and stated we will follow Robert’s Rules of Order.
4. President McCarstle provided an overview of ongoing Faculty Senate work. She discussed the importance of transparency, consistent communication, and faculty representation across all divisions. Emphasis was placed on shared governance and ensuring that faculty voices are clearly represented in institutional discussions.

II. New Business

DISCUSSION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President McCarstle reminded members that three proposals are posted in Brightspace for review prior to the next meeting. She emphasized that members should review the materials in advance so that meeting time can be used effectively for discussion, questions, and feedback. 2. Implementation of a Tenure System Presenter: Peter Anderson

The proposal regarding the implementation of a tenure system was introduced and discussed at a high level. Members agreed that broader faculty input was necessary before moving forward.

3. Implementation of a Student Abroad Program

Presenter: Peter Anderson

The proposal outlining the implementation of a study abroad program was presented for review. Members expressed interest but emphasized the need for faculty feedback to inform future discussion. Action: Proposal tabled. A faculty survey will be sent to faculty members for input before the proposal is brought back to the Senate.

4. Establishment of an Honors College

Presenter: Peter Anderson

The proposal to establish an Honors College was discussed. Senator Ken Grubb stated that he would invite a representative from San Jacinto Community College to attend a future Senate meeting to share information about their honors program and institutional model. Action: Proposal tabled pending additional information and a guest presentation at the next Senate meeting.

Members were encouraged to ask clarifying questions during meetings rather than postponing discussion. This approach was identified as essential to productive meetings and informed decision making.

III. Old Business

DISCUSSION
1. No items of old business were presented.

IV. Extended Cabinet Items

DISCUSSION
1.

V. Other Items

DISCUSSION
1.

VI. Action Items

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING	OWNER	DUE
1. Implementation of Tenure System: Proposal tabled. A faculty survey will be distributed to gather feedback prior to further consideration.		

2.	Implementation of Study Abroad: Proposal tabled. A faculty survey will be distributed to gather feedback prior to further consideration.	
3.	Establishment of an Honors College: Proposal tabled pending additional information and a guest presentation at the next Senate meeting.	
4.	The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 rd at 3:00 pm.	

VII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT	
1.	The meeting adjourned at: 3:56 pm
2.	Signature Approval: <i>Gina Wilson, Faculty Senate Secretary</i>