



Faculty Senate Meeting

February 6, 2026
10:00 am-11:00 am
THSEC Room 117B
1612 Henderson Blvd, Kilgore, TX 75662

A virtual link will be provided for attendees who wish to participate remotely.

This meeting is open to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Luke Gless, President
2. Roll Call & Attendance – Clydea Hale, Secretary
3. Approval of Agenda & Minutes – Luke Gless, President, and Clydea Hale, Secretary
4. Public Comment
 - a. Speakers will have up to three (3) minutes to provide comments. The period is open to all attendees. A sign-up will be available prior to the meeting for those who wish to comment.
5. Reports
 - a. President – Luke Gless, President
 - b. Academic Affairs Committee-Kate Yglesias
6. Old Business
 - a. Updates on Academic Integrity Policy recommendations – Luke Gless, President
 - i. Voting results for Academic Integrity language for syllabi.
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion on appointment of officers for academic year 26-27
 - b. Trevor Davis, Senator for History and Government

8. Q&A

9. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting: March 6, 2026, at 10:00 am in THSEC Room 117A
 - i. Dr. Staci Martin, the KC Interim President, will be speaking at the March Faculty Senate meeting.
 - ii. This will be an in-person meeting. Senators, please make plans to be present at the THSEC
- b. Date, time, location, and link will be announced and posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (7 days in advance).

Adjournment – Luke Gless, President



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1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order by Luke Gless at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call & Attendance – Secretary, Clydea Hale at 10:01 a.m.
 - a. Members Present in person: Todd Ketchum, Lucas Gless, Clydea Hale
 - b. Members Present virtually: Julian Redfearn, Kimberly Ellgass, Kat Jackson, Julie Webb, Trevor Davis, Carol De Grasse, Andrea Briscoe, Holly McKnight, Darrell Smith
 - c. Members Absent: Mark Stephens, Stephanie Williams, Peter Cunningham
 - d. Members Notified of Absence: Tanton Johnson, Madison Campbell, Nicholas Simpson, Charlotte Poe, Kenya Ray, Jennifer Rich
 - e. Quorum: confirmed at 10:04 a.m.

3. Approval of Agenda & Minutes- Luke Gless, President and Clydea Hale, Secretary
 - a. Motion to approve: Todd Ketchum at 10:04 a.m., second by Trevor Davis at 10:04 a.m., all in favor, none opposed

4. Public Comment – Facilitated by President, time kept by Secretary
 - a. No public comment at 10:05 a.m.

5. Reports
 - a. President- Luke Gless, President
 - i. Committees
 1. Academic Affairs update at 10:05 a.m. by Kate Yglesias
 - a. Course Fee presentation
 - i. Todd Ketchum asked about course fees for individual programs/majors at 10:08 a.m.- Kate Yglesias addressed that the course fees discussion at academic affairs would be looking at individual majors fees versus campus wide fees
 - b. Payment Deadlines to be moved to the Wednesday before each term begins effective Summer 2026 presented at 10:14 a.m.

- c. Official reporting date and Nonattendance date presented at 10:17 a.m.
- d. Experience credit on CE presented at 10:18 a.m.
- e. Questions of Academic Affairs Report
 - i. Julian Redfearn questioned about nonattendance set by college clarification (including MLK Day change) at 10:19 a.m.
 - ii. Kate Yglesias responded that during the academic affairs this subject was promoted to be a discussion on determining nonattendance day
 - iii. Kimberly Ellgass added to the concerns with Labor Day affecting nonattendance drop date at 10:22 a.m.

6. Old Business

- a. Updates on Academic Integrity Policy recommendations – Luke Gless, President at 10:24 a.m.
 - i. Voting results for Academic Integrity language for syllabi
 - ii. Kate Yglesias presented two options for motions to the faculty senate at 10:35 a.m.
 - 1. Option 1: Motion to table and extend constituents response time for further data gathering
 - 2. Option 2: Motion to break the tie breaker in the faculty senate
 - iii. Darrell Smith motioned to faculty senate to break the tie at 10:39 a.m.
 - iv. Julian Redfearn seconded at 10:39 a.m.
 - v. Time given to read option 1 or option 3 by Lucas Gless, President at 10:40 a.m.
 - vi. Vote initiated at 10:41 a.m. by Clydea Hale, Secretary
 - 1. Julian Redfearn- option 1
 - 2. Kimberly Ellgass- option 1
 - 3. Todd Ketchum- option 3
 - 4. Kat Jackson- option 1
 - 5. Julie Webb- option 1
 - 6. Trevor Davis- option 1
 - 7. Carol De Grasse- option 1
 - 8. Andrea Briscoe- option 1
 - 9. Lucas Gless- option 1
 - 10. Clydea Hale- option 1
 - 11. Holly McKnight- option 1
 - 12. Darrell Smith- option 1

- vii. Option 1 to be presented to VP Seals based upon tie breaker from Faculty Senate at 10:45 a.m. by Lucas Gless, President

7. New Business

- a. Discussion on appointment of officers for academic year 26-27 by Lucas Gless, President at 10:46 a.m.
 - i. Deadline to be March 5 for interest in officer position
- b. Trevor Davis, Senator for History and Government at 10:52 a.m.
 - i. Early Alerts Presentation of Problems and Possible Improvements
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Julian Redfearn agreed with problems and possible improvements at 11:06 a.m.
 - 2. Darrell Smith questioned the difference in Starfish and current process at 11:06 a.m.
 - a. Trevor addressed the differences and explained the differences at 11:06 a.m.
 - 3. Lucas Gless tabled further discussion at 11:08 a.m. until next meeting in March

8. Q&A- none noted at 11:09 a.m.

9. Announcements presented by Lucas Gless, President at 11:09 a.m.

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- c. Motion by Todd Ketchum at 11:10 a.m., Darrell Smith seconded at 11:10 a.m.
- d. Vote: All in favor, none opposed at 11:10 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by:

Clydea Hale, Secretary

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