

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING September 14, 2016 MINUTES

## Faculty Senate Meetings Are Open to All Members of the University Community

| Meeting: |   | Faculty Senate Meeting, September 14, 2016, Union Faculty Senate Room  |  |
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| Present: |   | Brian Ayre (CAS), Kim Baker (COE), Glen Biglaiser (CAS), Miriam Boesch (COE), Sheri Broyles (SOJ), V. Barbara Bush (COE), Denise Catalano (CPACS), Adam Chamberlin (CAS), Elliot Dubin (CMHT), Tatiana Filosofova (CAS), Nolan Gaffney (COB), Morgan Gieringer (LIBR), Kamakshi Gopal (CPACS), Lee Hughes (CAS), Paul Hutchison (COB), Pankaj Jain (CAS), Nadine Kalin (CVAD), Kiko Kawamura (CENG), Kimberly Luevano (COM), Andrew May (COM), Smita Mehta (COE), Reza Mirshams (CENG), Divesh Ojha (COB), Richard Ruderman (CAS), Emile Sahliyeh (CAS), Jyoti Shah (CAS), Stephen Slottow (COM), Jessica Strubel (CMHT), Karthigeyan Subramaniam (COE), Phil Sweany (CENG), Beth Thomsett-Scott (LIBR), Guido Verbeck (CAS), Scott Warren (COI), Kevin Yanowski (LIBR), Tao Zhang (COE) |  |
| Absent:  |   | Paul Hensel (CAS), Saraju Monhanty (CENG), Srinivasan Srivilliputhur (CENG)  |  |
| Guests:  |   | Seti Keshmiripour (LIBR), Sian Brannon (LIBR), Adrienne Nettles (URCM), James Conover (FIREL), Christy Crutsinger (Provost's Office), Margaret Vestal (Provost's Office), Susan Smith (LIBR), Finley Graves (Provost), Terri Day (Provost's Office), Kent Souriyasak (Graduate Student Council), Doug Campbell (LIBR), Pamela Andrews (LIBR), Darlene Callahan (Space Management/Planning), Wendy Watson (UUCC)  |  |
| I.       | Welcome and<br>Introductions                    | Welcome to the Fall Semester and our new senators. Introduction made of all senators. Introduction of our new Administrative Coordinator Jill Stover and our returning graduate student Stephanie Johnson. They are located in Ste 115, the Faculty Senate Office, in the Administrative Building. All senators should have a green folder which we ask that you review. It provides the charter, procedures manual, meeting and voting groups. It has a list of all the meetings and committee vacancies. If you have questions, we'll set time aside at the next meeting. Materials for each meeting will be sent a week prior to each meeting. That will facilitate our talking about the items and will save paper.  |  |
| II.      | Approval of<br>Minutes (June 8,<br>2016) [Vote] | Motion to accept minutes as emailed.  Moved by Senator Thomsett-Scott, seconded by Senator Broyles Discussion: Update present list on June 8 minutes to include Kim Baker Motion passes unanimously.   |  |
| III.     | Officer Election                                | We need to elect a Vice-Chair, and then groups will go into caucus to vote for EC members and other committee representatives.  Vice-Chair election Senator Verbeck nominates Sheri Broyles Seconded by Senator Chamberlain Accepted by Senator Broyles  |  |

|     |  | Motion passes.  |                                   |                            |  |  |
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|     |  | Congratulations Sheri!  |                                   |                            |  |  |
|     |  |   | nmittee, Committee on Governance. |                            |  |  |
|     |  | Group   | EC Rep                            | Comm. On Comm.<br>Rep      | Committee on Faculty Participation in Governance Rep |  |
|     |  | Group I   | Nadine Kalin                      | Tatiana Filosofova         | Pankai Jain  |  |
|     |  | Group II  | Kevin Yanowski                    | Seti Keshmiripour          | Scott Warren   |  |
|     |  | Group III<br>(TBD)  |                                   |                            |  |  |
|     |  | Group IV<br>(TBD)   |                                   |                            |  |  |
|     |  | Group V   | Jessica Strubel                   | Paul Hutchinson            | Nolan Gaffney  |  |
|     |  | Group VI  | Smita Mehta                       | Karthigeyan<br>Subramaniam | Miriam Boesch  |  |
|     |  | Group VII   | Denise Catalano                   | Brian Ayre                 | Kamakshi Gopal                                       |  |
|     |  | Group VIII  | Adam                              | Andrew May                 | Kimberly Luevano                                     |  |
|     |  |   | Chamberlain                       |                            |  |  |
| IV. | Faculty Senate Discussion and Faculty Feedback   | What issues would you like to see addressed by Faculty Senate this year? (Comments displayed on screen.)  |                                   |                            |  |  |
|     |  | <ul> <li>Others:</li> <li>We have flexible spending accounts. Seems to be a problem with them. Send the President an email about it with specifics</li> <li>Students getting added to class too late without letting the Faculty member know. (What department? Biology).</li> <li>Filtered water stations at Discovery Park?</li> <li>How does one approach facilities about giving feedback?</li> </ul>   |                                   |                            |  |  |
| V.  | President Neal<br>Smatresk and<br>Provost Finley | Please let the President know about the systemic issues and feedback you have. Give specifics.  |                                   |                            | es and feedback you have.                            |  |
|     | Graves   | Parking:  Last year we did a transportation study. Results: Everyone wants to park close to campus. We have to make behavioral changes. We need to encourage people to use mass transportation and other programs. You can also affect behavior by cos Remote lots have been made cheaper. People will pay for convenience. Remote lots are \$125.00 per year. In order to address the conveniences we're going to off pay by phone lots. Those will be rolled out soon. Other parking challenge I heard was Fouts Field and Music. I have strongly worded to the Parking Office that it needs to improve its communication skills. Some parking has been taking offline with construction projects. Going to take down Fouts Field and add track on the south side. Flat surface parking costs \$1200 per space. Garage spots are \$12,000 We'll keep trying to push mass transportation. There eventually will be reserved parking by the Murchison. We moved residential parking to Fouts Field. Question: RTFV building-with construction we haven't heard any plans to have dock access. |                                   |                            |  |  |

Answer: It's a communication issue, but they also may not have a plan. Send me an email about it.

Question: Library Annex parking-For our librarians could we get a shuttle to go back and forth?

Answer: How much ridership would we have? That needs to be considered. Question: DP-we don't have a remote parking option. Resident permits are not allowed to use R permits-doesn't allow them access to the commuter lot.

## **Risk Management:**

We followed up on risk management issues that Faculty Senate brought to our attention. We now have more AEDs on campus. We are also improving door locks. Facilities has addressed comments about safety. We're going to hire a Chief Compliance Officer for safety. The person will report directly to the President-will be more customer service oriented and make sure we are being compliant. More lighting and cameras will be in parking lots. We have the e-ride service for faculty, staff and students, especially after hours. I need to know if they are working. Chair Bush is now a member of the Parking Advisory Board.

## Accountability and Responsibility of Academic Administrators

Who is responsible for making sure that academic administrators are following policy? The President makes sure the Provost follows policy. The Provost makes sure Deans follow policy. Deans make sure Chairs follow policy. Administrators need to follow policy. It is protection for the administrator to follow policy. Faculty are involved in the development of policy which is a part of shared governance.

Comment: This issue came up from a misunderstanding of policy, but there are other comments. It needs to come to our attention and we will address it. An administrator may be trying to get something done and that is why they might not be following policy.

Question: Lack of clarity regarding responsibilities of administrators since someone thinks lines are being crossed. The position of Chair and Dean have a lot of flexibility in them. If there is a specific problem you need to articulate it a level up. Is there a policy that administrator responsibilities have to be posted?

**Budget Management Issues**: The budget system is still messed up. We use shared services from the system. It was decided a new financial system was needed. Problems fall in two categories-accounts being thrown into a bucket and other bugs. Communication was an issue. There was a gross misunderstanding of how deep the issue was. It cannot totally be fixed internally since it's a system issue. President has communicated that it needs to be fixed. The other problem is adding more codes. There is an issue with adding more codes. It won't get easier to use. You will just need more guidance. We're going through growing pains. Keep the President up to date on whether things are getting fixed or not.

Question: Can you check individual idc's?

Answer: Yes, in some departments.

Question: Do you have any info on rollover of idc funds?

Answer: There is some variance in how colleges handle things. Check with Tom McCoy.

Question: Are we in better financial shape now?

Answer: The system has more auditors now. While auditors are good at catching errors, they are not good at fixing things. We are making sure we don't fall into the same situation we did a few years ago which is the top priority at system.

|      |  | Regarding fiscal health we are in good shape.   |
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|      |  | There was a comment on the feedback that we don't have enough faculty. We are at an all- time high this year. Our tenure-tenure track faculty count is in the 800's. We had decreases in previous years because we had to freeze the budget due to our financial situation. This year the budget is much better and we will open up new lines. Depending on how far back we go, since our operating budget totals in Fall of 2013 we have grown our budget by 152 million. Since Fall of 2014, our budget has grown 95 million dollars. We have been investing it back into academics-43% back into academic programs. We're putting the lion's share of new revenues into academics. State of the University will be tomorrow. |
| VI.  | Space<br>Management<br>(Darlene<br>Callahan) | Presentation shown.  When there are space issues, our office can help. We are not Facilities. We track the space and report that to the Coordinating board. We have a space planning and management committee. We meet every one to two months.   |
|      |  | There are several projects on campus taking place. First floor of the Science Research Building is being renovated. The Child Development Lab is getting moved out to Mean Green Village. It's a safer environment. Children will be moving there in January. Sycamore Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor is going to have the School of Journalism and Sociology will be moving there. Computer Science faculty offices will get whiteboards.  |
|      |  | Sage Hall is becoming the Academic Success Center. We have been approved for a new CVAD building. It will be built on a parking lot. New residence hall will be southeast of Kerr Hall. We'll have a new classroom building and Biomedical Engineering expansion.   |
|      |  | Question: Where will the classroom building be, how many lecture halls? Answer: Possibly where the old bookstore tent was. Working with campus departments to determine layout. We're doing many of these projects on our own dime. We have empty 200 seat classrooms. We need to get better at allocating the space we currently have. We have a big bottleneck with lab space and safety.   |
|      |  | Comment: There needs to be an emphasis on larger classrooms. Answer: How effectively are we allocating space?   |
| VII. | Policy Review<br>Update (Christy             | Second Reading [Vote]   |
|      | Crutsinger, James<br>Conover)                | O6.007 Annual Review -Has been posted on Senate website since June-primary change to the policy is the name. It says Annual Review now instead of Annual Merit Review Discussion: None Vote passes.   |
|      |  | Course Syllabus Policy Motion to accept moved by Senator Sahliyeh, seconded by Senator Catalano Discussion: We have a state house bill that we post it for undergraduate classes. On # 12 not all courses have those. Regarding intent of the language, should we expect a template of language to use from our departments? Vote passes.   |

|       |  | Faculty Senate Bylaws (Grievance)  Motion to accept moved by Senator Thomsett-Scott, seconded by Shah  Discussion: We've been working on this policy for three years. We have one grievance committee and there is a set of procedures to follow. Current committee helped us draft this. One of the concessions we made on EC is everyone's membership has been extended a year to have some consistency. Then there will be rotation.  Vote passes        |  |  |  |
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|       |  | Second Reading for Deletion [Vote]  |  |  |  |
|       |  | 19.8 Adoption & Pricing of Instructional Materials including Classroom and Supplemental Texts Authored by UNT Faculty, Staff, and Departments Motion to accept. Moved by Senator Hughes, seconded by Senator Broyles Discussion: We no longer will have a university policy when this is deleted, but we need to have procedures in place. The procedures have been drafted. There will be a form. Vote passes.   |  |  |  |
|       |  | First Reading   |  |  |  |
|       |  | <b>06.004</b> Faculty Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion  There is a substantive change which is why this is a first read. Consult with your colleagues across the university. Instead of two tries for tenure (going up early), it is only one try. Discussion will take place at the next meeting.  Question: What if someone is hired on a 3 year clock.  Answer: Your colleagues may recommend an amendment and we will discuss at the second reading. |  |  |  |
| VIII. | Committee on<br>Committees<br>Report (Guido<br>Verbeck) [Vote] | Motion from the committee to approve nominations posted.  Moved by Senator Chamberlain, seconded by Senator Broyles  Motion carries.  Announcement: We will be looking at the Administrative Committees and time of rotation. We'll update you at the next meeting what those are.  |  |  |  |
| IX.   | UUCC Minutes<br>(Wendy Watson)<br>[Vote]                       | UUCC met last week. We are in the process of creating a curriculum website. The Provost's Office has taken down the paper forms. At our last meeting we approved 147 items.  Motion to accept the minutes.  Moved by Senator Verbeck, seconded by Senator Shah  Discussion: None  Motion carries.   |  |  |  |
| X     | Committee of the Whole   | None  |  |  |  |
| XI    | Adjournment  | Adjournment Moved by Senator Verbeck, seconded by Senator Thomsett-Scott Meeting adjourned at 3:59pm  |  |  |  |