



FACULTY SENATE MEETING
12/14/2016
MINUTES

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

- Meeting: Faculty Senate Meeting, 12/14/16, University Union Senate Room
- Present: 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), Morgan Gieringer (LIBR), Paul Hensel (CAS), Lee Hughes (CAS), Paul Hutchison (COB), Nadine Kalin (CVAD), Kiko Kawamura (CENG), Jeanette Krzewinski-Malone (COE), Kimberly Luevano (COM), Andrew May (COM), Smita Mehta (COE), Joe O'Donnell (CMHT), Divesh Ojha (COB), Felix Olschofka (COM), John Peters (CAS), Richard Ruderman (CAS), Michael Sexton (COB), Stephen Slottow (COM), Srinivasan Srivilliputhur (CENG), Jessica Strubel (CMHT), Phil Sweany (CENG), Mario Toooh (CAS), Scott Warren (COI), Kevin Yanowski (LIBR), Tao Zhang (COE), Kelly Allen (GSC Representative – Non-Voting)
- Absent: Bryan Ayre (CAS), Tatiana Filosofova (CAS), Nolan Gaffney (COB), Kamakshi Gopal (CPACS), Lin Lin (COI), Reza Mirshams (CENG), Saraju Mohanty (CENG), Emile Sahliyah (CAS), Jyoti Shah (CAS), Karthigeyan Subramaniam (COE), Daniel Taylor (CAS), Beth Thomsett-Scott (LIBR), Guido Verbeck (CAS)
- Guests: Libraries - Allyson Rodriguez, Stacey Wolf, Susan Smith, Pamela Andrews, Ana Krahmer, Carol Hargis; VPAA – Mike McPherson; URCM -Michelle Hale; Provost Finley Graves; Provost Office - Christy Cruftsinger; UUCC – Wendy Watson; Transportation Services – Geary Robinson; FIREL – James Conover
- I. Welcome and Introductions Sen. Bush called senate to order and welcomed new senators and called FS to order at 2:04PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes (11/09/16) [Vote] Motion to accept minutes as emailed. *Moved*: Senator Hutchison, *Seconded*: Senator Chamberlin. Discussion: NONE [Result] Passed; one abstention
- III. Faculty Senate Discussion and
 - Faculty Information System (FIS): New system very limiting, so why a new system (Sen. Hensel).

Faculty
Feedback
President/Provost

- Our department gets P&T document separately, outside of FIS and this adds to work. (Sen. Hughes). President agreed this did not make sense.
- Will FIS be used for annual reports and merit? The practice varies across departments (Sen. Peters). (President) I get it that many departments do it uniquely but we need to study how to use this.
- New system promises to aid data harvesting. This has been harder than envisioned at start. UNT aware the system is clunky and does not work as designed. Has asked Provost Graves to bring administrators and concerned group of faculty to alleviate concerns. FS need to revisit issues to bring closure (President Smatresk).
- Studying how it works for less-traditional disciplines such as CVAD. The new FIS allows upload of many more types of reports. (Provost Graves)
- EC Committee will convene a meeting of concerned faculty and administrator group (Jan 25th) to get feedback. So please contact your EC representative (Sen. Bush)
- Negotiations at advanced stage with new dean candidate Dr. Randy Bomar, UT Austin for College of Education. UNT International search to be launched soon. (Provost Graves)
- UNT Frisco enrollment tops 600 and we anticipate 1000 soon. Also, a new program at Gainesville NCTC. Will hear more on this (President Smatresk).

IV. Policy Review
Update (Terri
Day/Susan
Smith)

Second Reading [Vote]

06.009 Administrators returning to full time faculty appointment

Motion to Accept Policy: Moved Sen. Catalano; Second: Sen. Chamberlin; Policy accepted unanimously.

V. Committee on
Committees
Report (Barbara
Bush) [Vote]

- Standing Committee Vacancies: Goal to fill all vacancies (denoted by blue font in the provided list). So, senators from each group help us fill vacancies in their voting group. We will vote today for vacancies denoted in red font.
- We vote to accept provided list (Moved: Hutchison; Second: Dubin; [result] Motion passed unanimously)
- Administrative Committee Vacancies: One nominee (in red). Motion to accept (Sen. Catalano; Second: Sen. Chamberlin; [result] Motion passed unanimously)

VI. Election
Committee
Report (Adam
Chamberlin)

Elections have happened and we have new senators. We now have 4 unfilled senate seats.

VII. Confirmation of
Executive
Committee
Actions (Sen.
Bush) [Vote]

- Graduate Council Procedures: Change clarifies ex-officio members are non-voting members. Vote to accept ([result] Passed unanimously)
- Evaluation of Administrators: Request made by 3 faculty members to remove derogatory comments about faculty members which were not relevant to the evaluation of the administrator from administrator review

page, EC voted to remove these derogatory comments. Vote to accept
([result] Passed unanimously)

- VIII. Standing Committee Reports [Vote] • Budget Committee: Vote to accept the report (unanimously accepted)
- IX. UUCC Minutes (Wendy Watson/Jaymee Haefner) [Vote] Meeting minutes were presented.
[result] Accepted unanimously.
- X New Business • Classroom Space (James Conover): Upgrading “General Classroom” during winter break (projectors, whiteboards etc.). Is it possible for us to say okay to using “swing space” classroom to get work done faster (at the expense of a bit messy classroom) by moving to temporary lecture spaces for 1-2 weeks while upgrade is going on? Senators felt that instructors have to be notified in advance about the schedule, scope, and length of the projects. Senators will take this to faculty for their consent.
- XI Old Business • Parking Update (Geary Robinson): Presentation material showing action taken will be made available. ParkMobile system (hourly payment for parking via mobile) + free standing meters from Jan 2017
- XI. Comments for Good of the Order Forward student feedback on StudentApp to Christy Crutsinger.
Have a wonderful and restful break.
- XIII Adjournment *Moved to adjourn.*
Meeting adjourned by Chair Bush at 4:00pm