



FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

September 13, 2017

MINUTES

Meeting:		Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting University Union, Room 332
Present:		Jorge Aviles-Diz (CLASS), Brian Ayre (CAS), Kim Baker (COE), Miriam Boesch (COE), Sheri Broyles (SOJ), V. Barbara Bush (COE), Adam Chamberlin (CLASS), Elliot Dubin (CMHT), Tatiana Filosofova (CLASS), Nolan Gaffney (COB), Paul Hensel (CLASS), Lee Hughes (CLASS), Paul Hutchison (COB), Nadine Kalin (CVAD), Kiko Kawamura (COS), Jeanette Krzewinski-Malone (COE), Andrew May (COM), Smita Mehta (COE), Reza Mirshams (CENG), Sophie Morton (CLASS), Joe O'Donnell (CMHT), Divesh Ojha (COB), Gloria Olness (HPS), Felix Olschofka (COM), Thomas Parsons (CLASS), John Peters (CLASS), Jodi Philbrick (COI), Richard Ruderman (CLASS), Michael Sexton (COB), Jyoti Shah (CLASS), Farhad Shahrokhi (CENG), Karthigeyan Subramaniam (COE), Daniel Taylor (CLASS), Mario Tooch (CLASS), Kevin Yanowski (LIBR), Scott Warren (COI)
Absent:		Denise Catalano (HPS), Lin Lin (COI), Saraju Mohanty (CENG), Jose Perez (CENG), Guido Verbeck (COS), Stephen Slottow, Tao Zhang
Guests:		President Neal Smatresk, Provost Jennifer Cowley, Christy Crutsinger (VPAA), Julia Falcon (NTX Daily), Meredith Wright (URCM), Melisa Brown (URCM), Pamela Andrews (Libraries), Ana Krahmer (Libraries), Rachel Walters (NTX Daily), Susan Smith (Libraries), Patrick Pluscht (CLEAR), Lynette O'Keefe (CLEAR), Wendy Watson (CORE/VPAA), Jaymee Haefner (UUC)
I.	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order @ 2:02PM• Welcome to the first meeting of the year• Introduction of New Senators<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jorge Aviles-Diz (CLASS), Group 1○ Jodi Philbrick (COI), Group 2○ Farhad Shahrokhi (CENG), Group 3○ Jose Perez (CENG), Group 3○ Thomas Parsons (CLASS), Group 4○ Gloria Olness (HPS), Group 7

<p>II.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes (June 14, 2017) [vote]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve: ?? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second: Chamberlin • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None • Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For: Aviles-Diz, Ayre, Baker, Boesch, Broyles, Bush, Chamberlin, Dubin, Filosofova, Gaffney, Hensel, Hughes, Hutchison, Kawamura, Krzewinski-Malone, May, Mehta, Mirshams, Morton, O'Donnell, Ojha, Olness, Olschofka, Parsons, Peters, Philbrick, Ruderman, Sexton, Shah, Shahrokhi, Subramaniam, Taylor, Toohey, Yanowski, Warren ○ Against: None ○ Abstain: Kalin
<p>III.</p>	<p>Faculty Discussion (President Neal Smatresk / Provost Jennifer Cowley)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects of Harvey on the university <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Almost all students have returned. A few are still out on National Guard Duty. ○ We had 8 transfer students come in, and only around 40 greatly impacted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We helped them all as we could with small funds and catching them up in class ○ Our overall campus response was effective and this situation provided UNT a good exercise in emergency preparedness • Kuehne Lecture Series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the process for selecting a speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is a donor advised operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The donors are influential people • They look at who might draw a crowd • In this case, someone knew Donald Trump Jr. and that same person is also paying his fee ○ This series raises money for National Merit Scholars and funds quite a few ○ Some of the donors do not feel the same way the average Dentonite does, but they are still big supporters of UNT and its programs ○ UNT is in talks with a balanced speaker: Chelsea Clinton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will reach a very different group ▪ UNT will also use this opportunity to raise money ○ As a Tier I institution, we have to be open to hearing a diversity of viewpoints • Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faculty Compensation study has started

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People involved come from all over campus, including the Faculty Salary Study Committee of the Faculty Senate ○ UNT hit an enrollment record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 38,115 students ▪ This is the 3rd or 4th year in a row of increased enrollment ○ UNT also set a record for number of National Merit Scholars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have 54 or 55 and that puts us in 4th place in the state ▪ If we keep this up next year, we will move ahead of UT ○ UNT funded 101 new Doctoral lines ○ Masters enrollment is still down ○ UNT is are out partnering in the international market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In China we are paring with their official National Online Education Program ○ DACA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is still uncertain what will happened ▪ We will take care of these students in the mean time ○ Upcoming Town Hall Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We want faculty involved in upcoming projects, specifically with our Net Dragon partnership ▪ These town halls will allow us to design a digital campus that will be easy to use ▪ Once we build this software, we will sell it to others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of this we really want to put out a good product and have a lot of input on the design ○ TAMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UTD pulls TAMS students because they can offer more scholarships and have a STEM reputation ▪ We want to improve TAMS and are doing some market testing in the next couple of years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year we are raising tuition, but still keeping it a good deal in comparison to other private HS • Next year, we want to switch the focus from STEM to STEAM and change the “A” in TAMS to stand for Arts ▪ maybe improving mentoring to help retain students ▪ UTD also gives HS students opportunities to
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		<p>come and conduct research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAMS allows for this research, but UNT needs to look at its K-12 outreach as well ▪ maybe if we give them more money, more will want to come <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAMS student are eligible for National Merit Scholarships ▪ The President said if we cannot make money or keep students then TAMS does not make sense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provost's Five Key Conversations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research ▪ Student Success ▪ Enrollment planning ▪ Resource management ▪ Digital Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research at UNT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Growing research is very personnel and infrastructure intensive, but we are moving in that direction. ▪ We have to look at long and short term goals and know they move at different speeds ○ Bringing in High School Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is much competition for these students and their growth is flattening. ▪ We are bringing in more traditional college students the market average ▪ We are not doing as well for transfer students or online students. We are about average. ▪ Neil would love to have Shannon Goodman come in and talk about this to the Faculty Senate ○ Where are we going to park these new students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The number of parking complaints is down from previous years ▪ Not all issues are fixed, but they are better ▪ DCTA is looking at putting in an express bus route in the new 35E Express Lanes
IV.	Parking and Transportation update	Unable to attend today – will reschedule for next meeting
V.	Caucus to elect Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EC – Peters

	members and Committee on Committee positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CC – Philbrick ○ Group III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EC – Kawamura ▪ CC – Shahrokhi ○ Group IV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EC – More time needed ▪ CC – More time needed ○ Group V <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EC – Gaffney ○ Group VI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EC – Mehta ○ Group VII <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EC – Catalano (Ayre for Fall 2017) ▪ CC – More time needed ○ Group VIII <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EC – Chamberlin ▪ CC – May
VI.	Faculty Senate Elections (Adam Chamberlin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Elections have been concluded for now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We still have two senator vacancies in Group 4 and one from Group VIII. • At Large elections are underway • Faculty Development Leave committee and Graduate Council elections will happen after the At Large elections conclude
VII.	Committee on Committees Update (chair - vacant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This committee will meet soon and elect a chair • Standing Committee Vacancies [vote] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Ayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second: Shah ○ Discussion/Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fine Arts Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lopez – 11 votes • Nisbett – 13 votes • Nisbett wins ▪ Oversight Committee on the Core Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lou Pelton disqualified because he was listed in the wrong group • This now is a single nomination and will be voted on at the end ▪ University Elections Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wickstrom – 6 votes • Gu – 14 votes • Zang – 1 vote • Gu wins ▪ Single Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept: May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second: Krzewinski-Malone

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None • Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For: Unanimous • Administrative Committee Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please ask your constituents and get these filled
VIII.	Other Standing Committee Updates [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UUCS Report/Minutes (Jaymee Haefner / Julie Leventhal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlighted areas are pending and will be moved to the next meeting for a vote ○ Confirmation Vote (except the highlighted areas) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For: Aviles-Diz, Ayre, Baker, Boesch, Broyles, Bush, Chamberlin, Dubin, Filosofova, Gaffney, Hensel, Hughes, Hutchison, Kalin, Kawamura, Krzewinski-Malone, May, Mehta, Mirshams, Morton, O'Donnell, Ojha, Olness, Olschofka, Parsons, Peters, Philbrick, Ruderman, Sexton, Shah, Subramaniam, Taylor, Tooch, Yanowski, Warren ▪ Abstain: Shahrokhi • Graduate Council Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirmation Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For: Aviles-Diz, Ayre, Baker, Boesch, Broyles, Bush, Chamberlin, Dubin, Filosofova, Gaffney, Hensel, Hughes, Hutchison, Kalin, Kawamura, Krzewinski-Malone, May, Mehta, Mirshams, Morton, O'Donnell, Ojha, Olness, Olschofka, Parsons, Peters, Philbrick, Ruderman, Sexton, Shah, Subramaniam, Taylor, Tooch, Yanowski, Warren ▪ Abstain: Shahrokhi • Acceptance of end-of-year committee reports from Committee on the Status of People of Color and Faculty Policy Oversight Committee (confirmation of Executive Committee action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirmation Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For: Aviles-Diz, Baker, Boesch, Broyles, Bush, Chamberlin, Dubin, Filosofova, Gaffney, Hensel, Hughes, Hutchison, Kalin, Kawamura, Krzewinski-Malone, May, Mehta, Mirshams, Morton, O'Donnell, Ojha, Olness, Olschofka, Parsons, Peters, Philbrick, Ruderman, Sexton, Subramaniam, Taylor, Tooch, Yanowski, Warren ▪ Against: Ayre, Shah, ▪ Abstain: Shahrokhi
IX.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will have a Canvas presentation at the next meeting

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution concerning UNT speaker selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a request from faculty that the senate may want to make a statement concerning UNT affiliated speakers. ○ They EC will discuss it and bring it to you at the next meeting
X.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
XI.	Comments for the Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified service and the documents surrounding it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He has heard from colleges that there are discrepancies • Membership of Faculty Grievance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workload may be too great for faculty in the summer • Welcome back again and have a great semester
XII.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Chamberlin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second: Morton • Discussion: None • Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For: Unanimous • Meeting adjourned @ 4:00PM