

- Meeting: Faculty Senate Meeting May 13, 2015, Wooten Hall 322.
- Present: Brian Ayre; Kim Baker; Glen Biglaiser; Sheri Broyles; V. Barbara Bush; Jennifer Callahan; Douglas Campbell; Adam Chamberlin; James Conover; Patricia Cukor-Avila; Shelley Cushman; Elliot Dubin; Jesse Eschbach; Morgan Gieringer; Kamakshi Gopal; Paul Hutchison; Lee Hughes; John Ishiyama; Jennifer Lane; Samuel Manickam; Smita Mehta; Saraju Mohanty; Maria Muñoz; Prathiba Natesan; Phil Paolino; Audhesh Paswan; Dan Peak; Elizabeth Prosek; Brian Richardson; Dorian Roehrs; Jyoti Shah; Stephen Slottow; Jeffrey Snider; Jae Jae Spoon; Srinivasan Srivilliputhur; Beth Thomsett-Scott; Manish Vaidya; Mary Ann Venner; Guido Verbeck; Karen Weiller; Oksana Zavalina; Tao Zhang.
- Absent: Denise Catalano; Emile Sahliyah; Jessica Strubel; Phil Sweany; Laura Waugh.
- Guests: Neal Smatresk President; Finley Graves, Interim Provost and VPAA; Christy Crutsinger, VPPA; Dorothy Bland, Mayborn School of Journalism; Martin Halbert, Libraries; Margaret Vestal, VPPAA; William Moen, Honors College; V. Sian Brannon, UUC; Matthew Zabel, URCM; G.L. Seligmann, History; Jeremy Berg, Libraries, Karen Harker, Libraries; Susan Smith, Libraries; Sue Parks, Libraries.
- I. Welcome and Introductions The meeting was brought to order at 2:02 PM. New Senators were welcomed: Saraju Mohanty (Group III), V Barbara Bush (Group VI), Kim Baker, Jyoti Shah (At-Large). Senators that were elected in March were also recognized.
- II. Approval of Minutes
(4/8/15) [vote] *There was a motion made by Senator Thomsett-Scott accept the April 8, 2015 minutes. Senator Dubin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- III. Election of Senate Officers
for 2015-2016 Adam Chamberlain conducted the elections for chair, vice-chair, and secretary.
Senator Hutchison nominated James Conover and Senator Prosek seconded the motion. James Conover was elected chair

Senator Srivilliputhur nominated Guido Verbeck for Vice-chair. Senator Broyles seconded the motion. Guido Verbeck was elected Vice Chair

Senator Lane nominated V Barbara Bush for secretary and Senator Prosek seconded the motion. V Barbara Bush was elected secretary.

The slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

A motion was made that V Barbara Bush serve immediately as secretary and seconded by Senator Lane.

Senator Paswan was nominated for the Committees on Committee. Senator Waugh was nominated as Co-chair.

- IV. Faculty Senate Discussion There was a question about federal agencies – Tom McCoy will provide feedback through the president.

President Smatresk and Provost Graves will comment on the items listed for discussion.

- V. President Neal Smatresk and Provost Finley Graves The Graduate School will be working on several items this summer, including the admissions process. There will be a search committee formed for the new provost search. Concern was raised as to the number of administrators in “interim” positions.

There is not yet a dollar amount established for the university budget. At this point there is an estimate of revenues vs costs. All budgets must be surfaced first. Commitments made to GATs will be honored although the cost is high. The commitment to equity and merit amounts to approximately 2%.

Library costs will amount to approximately 700,000-million next year. Ten more years at this rate will amount to about 11-14 million more than today.

Compression, equity, merit, library and GA funds drive the budget currently.

UNT has experienced summer school losses to NCTC. Sustainable efforts from departments “chip away” at funds. GATs will cost 1.8 million this coming year. There are 573 students who have been promised both GATS and health benefits. Each student will get \$173 increase to allow them to use campus health benefits. State will cost another 93+ independent of tuition reimbursement, and we are committed for three more years. Budgets will be transparent. Deans will be responsible for college-level transparency. President Smatresk wants to give more authority and accountability to deans.

The interim dean for the graduate school will wear two hats for 2-3 months. Functions and efficiencies will be explored. The graduate school structure is on the agenda for deans.

Graduate school centralized programs should be of service to departments. Better customer service is the key.

Dean Totten is scheduled to retire and an interim dean will be required. As of June 1, there will be only one interim cabinet member. The goal is a “lean” rather than a “fat” administrative structure.

After commencement, a search committees for administrative positions will be formed with strong academic representation. All search committees are advisory as outlined in Academic Policy 13.9. (Shared Governance).

Deans have been given instructions regarding college searches. Searches will be open with regard to rank, salary, and options.

Summer School. Summer provides important credit hours toward formula funding. We pay for facilities whether or not we use them. If we take away summer, fall is packed. We will be working on taking portion of budget “off the top” to rebuild summer school. Revenue more important than cost.

Commencement Plans: The call will be made by 9 am Saturday. If there are light showers, the university will provide tarps and raincoats. In the case of severe weather, ceremonies will be held in the Coliseum with remote screening in the Murchison.

Student death: The university did not publicize the death of a student because parents had not been notified.

VI. Faculty Senate Charter Amendments (John Ishiyama) Senator Ishiyama presented two Senate charter amendments for first reading.

VII. Policy Review Update (V. Barbara Bush and James Conover) Two policies, 15.0.1 Academic Appointments and 15. 1.9 Faculty Workload were presented for first reading.
15.0 – Faculty Review, Tenure and Promotion was presented for second reading and a vote.

Senator Srivilliputhur moved and Senator Broyles seconded that each amendment to 15.0 be presented for a vote separately concluding in a final vote on the entire amended document with secret ballot to be requested as needed. Passed unanimously.

Proposed Amendments to Policy 15.0

- #1. (15.0-Add policy 15.19, 15.1.25, TEC 51.948, and Regents Rule 06.901 to preamble) Senator Paswan moved and Senator Mehta seconded. Passed unanimously.
- #2. (15.0-Change status of Librarians to tenure-system faculty) Senator Thompson moved, Senator Campbell seconded. Passed with 1 nay, 2 abstentions.
- #3. (15.0.1.D-Add clarification of faculty advisory role.) Senator Lane moved, Senator Ayre seconded. Passed unanimously.
- #4. (15.0.2.F-Add consideration of Regent’s Rule 06.901 to annual review for tenure-system faculty assigned administration workload that must meet Regents Rule 06.901)

Senator Thomsett-Scott moved, Senator Paswan seconded. Passed unanimously.

- *#5. (15.0.2.G-Add clarification of faculty advisory role to 15.0.2.G) Senator Lane moved, Senator Thomsett-Scott seconded. Passed unanimously.*
- *#6. (15.0.3.D-Add consideration of Regents Rule 06.901 to Performance Criteria for tenure-system faculty assigned administration workload that must meet Regents Rule 06.901) Senator Ayre moved, Senator Vaidya seconded. Passed unanimously.*
- *#7. (15.0.6.A-Add one paragraph: 15.0.6.A.i) Senator Ayre moved, Senator Weiller seconded. Passed unanimously.*
- *#8. (15.0.6.I-Add a subsection to 15.0.6.I) Senator Thomsett-Scott moved, Senator Broyles seconded. Vote: Passed (10) yes, (16) no, (3) abstentions*

Senator Lane moved and Senator Campbell seconded to extend discussion time by 10 minutes. Passed unanimously.

- *#9 (15.0.8.1.A-Add three sentences: two from current 15.0.1. Last from 2003 language. Omitted in 15.0 document draft) A senator moved and Senator Ayre seconded. Passed with one (1) no, one (1) abstention*
- *#10 (15.0.8.2.A-Add language specifying full professors must have sustained excellence in all three domains of scholarship, teaching, and service) Senator Thomsett-Scott moved and Senator Paswan seconded. Passed unanimously.*

Senator Srivilliputhur moved and Senator Venner seconded to approve 15.0 as amended. Passed unanimously.

The remaining items on the agenda were deferred to the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.