



## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

02/08/2017

### MINUTES

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

- Meeting: Faculty Senate Meeting, 02/08/17, University Union Senate Room
- Present: Brian Ayre (CAS), Glen Biglaiser (CAS), Sheri Broyles (SOJ), V. Barbara Bush (COE), Denise Catalano (CPACS), Adam Chamberlin (CAS), Elliot Dubin (CMHT), Tatiana Filosofova (CAS), Nolan Gaffney (COB), Kamakshi Gopal (CPACS), Morgan Gieringer (LIBR), Paul Hensel (CAS), Paul Hutchison (COB), Kiko Kawamura (CENG), Andrew May (COM), Smita Mehta (COE), Saraju Mohanty (CENG), Sophie Morton (WLLC), Divesh Ojha (COB), Jon Peters (CAS), Michael Sexton (COB), Stephen Slottow (COM), Srinivasan Srivilliputhur (CENG), Jessica Strubel (CMHT), Karthigeyan Subramaniam (COE), Guido Verbeck (CAS), Scott Warren (COI), Kevin Yanowski (LIBR), Kelly Allen (GSC Representative – Non-Voting), Kimberly Luevano (COM), Richard Ruderman (CAS), Daniel Taylor (CAS)
- Absent: Kim Baker (COE), Miriam Boesch (COE), Lee Hughes (CAS), Emile Sahliyah (CAS), Jyoti Shah (CAS), Phil Sweany (CENG), Reza Mirshams (CENG), Nadine Kalin (CVAD), Xiangli Gu (Sub for Zhang), Joe O'Donnell (CMHT)
- Guests: Finley Graves, Margaret Vestal, Terri Day, Jaymee Haefner, Omer (unk), Melisa Brown, Greg Hardin, Lynette O'Keefe, Stacy Wolf, Jeremy (unk), 1 other visitor (name illegible; URCM)
- I. Welcome and Introductions Sen. Bush welcomed new senator Sophie Morton (Group-I) and called FS to order at 2:00PM. Group IV needs to caucus for its representative on the Executive Committee; Group-VII must caucus to find replacement for one of their senators that is on leave of absence.
- II. Approval of Minutes (12/14/16) [Vote] Motion to accept minutes as emailed.  
*Moved:* Senator Chamberlin, *Seconded:* Senator Hutchison.  
Discussion: NONE  
[Result] Passed; two abstentions (Ayre and Morton)
- III. Faculty Senate Discussion and Faculty Feedback *Provost Graves*
- *Campus Carry:* On Faculty Offices becoming gun free zone (like UT Austin). UNT will follow UT Austin lead after legislative session.

- President/Provost
- *Hiring Freeze*: Affects FY 17 and state-funded positions. Only two of UNT faculty searches affected so far. No clarity on affected staff positions. Salary savings from freeze (Jan-Aug 2017) will be held awaiting government instructions.
  - *FIS Status*: Technical issues are being fixed. Training sessions are underway and are useful. FIS migration very critical and must be done before April 30, 2017. This will provide pointers on what changes to be made for various faculty groups (will help UNT make enhancements/changes over the summer). Merit awards next year will be made based on FIS data. New journals are not listed and we need to contact Provost Office have them added.

*President Smatresk*

- *Budget*: Legislative discussion going well. Graduate student and faculty hiring will continue. Staff hiring will likely be impacted by budget freeze.
- *Staff Job Grading and Faculty Salary Compression*: Dealing with these will depend on budget situation.
- *Budget Software Issues*: This will be addressed by Bob Brown at a later time. UNT has started a “Toyota based” model to streamline our business processes and request help from faculty.
- *Town Hall Meeting Update*: Students appreciated our caring approach. President explained his personal view welcoming foreign students but his constraints in following laws as UNT president.

- IV. Committee on Committees Report (Sen. Verbeck) [Vote]
- *Standing Committee Vacancies*: List posted on screens. All the candidates were voted in unanimously. Election was held for At-L member on Committee on Status of Women (3 candidates: D. Choudhury, W. Watson, C. Ragland). Dalia Choudhury was elected.
  - *Administrative Committee Vacancies*: Need Faculty representatives on CLEAR and Student Award committees. Motion to accept (Sen.; Second: Sen.; [result] Motion passed unanimously)
- V. Election Committee Report (Adam Chamberlin)
- Cycle-4 election for 2016-2017 for FS was completed. We will go for regular cycle election next.
- VI. Confirmation of Executive Committee Actions (Sen. Bush) [Vote]
- *Graduate Council Minutes*: Vote to accept ([result] Passed unanimously)  
Motion from EC: Accept practice of approving Graduate Council Report.  
Motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Standing Committee Reports [Vote]
- UUCC Report/Minutes (Wendy Watson/Jaymee Haefner) [Vote]*
- Voted unanimously to accept the committee report  
*Graduate Council Report [Vote]*

- December Report presented by Sen. Catalano. FS voted unanimously to accept the committee report
  
- VIII New Business
  - No new business presented for FS. But Group-IV will Caucus to select a new member of EC.
  
- IX. Old Business
  - No old business presented
  
- X Comments for Good of the Order
  - None
  
- XI Adjournment
  - *Moved to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm