# FACULTY SENATE MEETING

**University Union 332**  
**MINUTES – November 8, 2017**

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- **ATTENDANCE:** P = present  
- **L = semester leave**  
- **A = absent**

## Guests:

- Susan Smith (Policy Oversight Committee/LIBR), Terri Day (Policy Oversight Committee/Prov Ofc), Mike McPherson (Faculty Success), Christy Crusinger (Prov Ofc), Julie Levanthal (UUC), Jennifer Cowley (Provost), Neil Smatresk (President), Bethany Blackstock (PSCI), Wendy Watson (Dir. Of Core), Margaret Vestal (Prov. Office), Daniel Almeneh (Libr), Lexi Peak (Staff Senate), Lynette O’Keefe (CLEAR), Patrick Pluscht (CLEAR), Celeste Garcia (NT Daily), Meredith Wright (URCM), Melisa Brown (URCM), Kevin
| I. Welcome and Introductions | - Call to Order at 2:03PM  
- Announcements  
  - The Faculty Senate is redesigning its website on Drupal 7.  
  - It should go live in December.  
  - Please be patient with the transition. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| II. Approval of Minutes (October 11, 2017) [vote] | - Motion to approve the minutes  
  - Hutchison moves  
    - Mehta seconds  
  - Discussion  
    - Kalin was absent.  
    - Olness was present.  
    - Boesch was present.  
    - Why are group numbers not listed  
      - The template is still being developed.  
  - Vote to accept minutes as amended  
    - For: Majority |
| III. Faculty Discussion (President Neal Smatresk / Provost Jennifer Cowley) | - Modified Service Policy – interpretation and department issues  
  - There is a policy for this  
  - We can also create something different than modified service if required  
  - Neal wants to work with the senate, deans, and chairs to see if there is a different or better way to use modified service.  
    - Neal wants flexibility so that the best option can be used.  
    - He is open to suggestions.  
- Green Card / H1 Visa concerns for international faculty  
  - UNT regularly supports tenure track faculty applications.  
  - UNT does not usually support lecturers, especially those on one year appointments.  
  - We have recently gone through a simple review process.  
    - UNT will now provide a letter of support and provide the minimum financial support.  
  - We would like to have a more full conversation and review this process in the future.  
- The future of Institutes (transparency of funding; vision) |
There is a council that advises Tom McCoy.
The current institutes have an identity and are cohesive.
We are open to having more, it just becomes a budget issue. Do you want to go wide or deep?
Neal would like to start an institute form around autism spectrum disorder.
  - We have the faculty and facilities
  - We are currently looking for a good leader
If anyone has any other ideas, please let us know.
Questions
  - What about IAA?
    - This will move away from UNT on the Square and to the arts based colleges.
    - Artist in Residences will rotate between colleges.
    - Fellowships will be managed by the respective college.
    - This is more of an academic function which is why it was moved away from UNT on the Square.
  - UNT branding relative to affiliated speaking engagements
    - We control our own branding to an extent
      - The System and Regents could use our brand, but generally don’t
    - Kuehne Series has brought in $1.6 million from the Trump Jr. event and is forming and endowed scholarship
      - Overall the Kuehne Series has brought in $10 million in scholarships
    - If we pulled branding from the series we would lose the money
    - Neil does not want to politicize the series because that means we could lose donors and supporters from both sides
    - As a University we need to be able to listen to all sides and opinions
    - Neil wants UNT to have its own specific series
      - Kuehne is donor funded/chosen.
      - Distinguished Lecture is student chosen.
      - The UNT series should be chosen by faculty and staff
      - Bring in controversy and deep thoughts.
Questions
  - The nature of the series mentioned are not well known, maybe add that to the
Advertising.

- Can we bring in big speakers?
  - Maybe, but they usually come with big price tags unless you know them.

- Retention
  - Access to textbooks is something we are working on.
  - Many students do not have access to the books because they cannot afford them or for many other reasons.
  - UNT is looking into something called Access Day 1
    - This will provide electronic versions of texts to students on the first day of class.
    - Students also don’t have to wait on financial aid to buy books. They are charged directly to their accounts.
  - Questions/Comments
    - When might this happen?
      - We would like to have it in place by next fall, but the contracts all have to be signed still.
    - Texas State uses this and has a less than 1% opt out rate.
    - Indiana University uses this and they have seen much better grades out of students that use the electronic text.
    - This is good to reduce cost to the students.
    - What about previous editions?
      - This will be up to the publishers.
      - We can also not use this on a class if a publisher will require an expensive new edition.
    - We might also be able to integrate NetDragon and the smart campus with this.

IV Policy Updates (Terri Day / chair)

- Second Read
  - 06.041 Open Access
    - Motion to approve the policy
      - moves Krahmer
        - Mehta seconds
      - Discussion
        - Is there a procedure in place for contributions?
          - Yes there is.
          - This policy is also to help make the repository more...
### V. Elections Committee Update (Adam Chamberlin)

- Last election was finalized
- We only have a few vacancies on the senate now
  - 2 in Group 4
  - 1 in Group 7 (and an FDLC vacancy in Group 7)
  - 1 in At large
- Next round of elections will follow the usual schedule and will come out in March.

### VI. Committee on Committees Update (Jodi Philbrick) [vote]

- Groups Caucused to fill senator only vacancies
  - Bylaws state that every standing committee must have at least on senator
- Nominations
  - Group 4
    - Committee on Committee - Ruderman
      - (moved to the group spot and that opens up the at large spot)
  - Group 7
    - Academic Affairs Committee - Ayre
  - Group 8
    - Faculty Awards Committee – Chamberlin
    - Library Committee – Tooch
    - None for the other two vacancies
  - At Large
    - Fine Arts Series – Filosofova
    - Oversight on Core Curriculum – Krahmer
    - Charter and Bylaws – Morton
  - Temporary At-Large senator
    - Rafael Major
- Motion to accept the all nominations, new and previously distributed, in slate.
  - Chamberlin moves
  - Hutchison seconds
  - Vote
    - For: Majority

### VII. Other Standing Committee Updates [vote]

- Broyles mentioned that while their respective committees approve these minutes, it is important that we confirm their approval. This allows us to ask questions and understand why actions were taken or decisions made.
- UUCU Report/Minutes (Jaymee Haefner / Julie Leventhal)
  - Vote
    - For: Majority
- Graduate Council Minutes
### VIII. Canvas presentation
(Patrick Pluscht / Bethany Blackstone / Lynette O’Keefe)

- To learn more
  - Clear.unt.edu/canvas
- Timeline
  - Fall 2017 – Begin migration
  - Spring 2018 – Continue migration
  - Summer/Fall 2018 – Most courses on Canvas
  - Spring 2019 – All courses on Canvas
- Training is very popular, continue to look for more of it
- Bethany Blackstone has used it for her Poly Sci classes
  - Migration was easy.
  - More intuitive than Blackboard
  - She wanted to keep Canvas even after the trial period.
  - Also easy to build new courses
- Questions
  - Are there ways to see what it looks like?
    - There is a sandbox version you can play with, just email CLEAR
    - You can also view the learning guide
  - What is the timeline?
    - A master spreadsheet is being developed an affected faculty will be notified as soon as that is done

### IX. Executive Committee
Report (Sheri Broyles) [vote]

- Confirmation of appointment made of Group III representative to Ad Hoc Faculty Grievance Committee [vote]
  - Motion to accept nomination
    - Ayre moves
    - Philbrick seconds
    - Vote
      - For: Majority
- No EC action on draft resolution

### X. UNT Speaker Resolution – Postponed

- Motion was postponed and now we are bringing it back to the floor.
- If there is no new motion, the resolution will die
- No Motion was made

### XI. New Business

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| XIII. | Comments for the Good of the Order | - Be sure to sign in when you pick up your name plate, that is the official attendance record  
- If you want to volunteer for core review, please do  
  - It occurs during dead week and will take up about 5.5 hours of time  
  - It can be done during their in person time or on your own time |
| XIV. | Adjournment | - Motion to adjourn the meeting  
  - Kalin moves  
    - Yeatts seconds  
  - Vote  
    - For: Majority  
- Adjournment at 3:47PM |