



FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Zoom Meeting

Minutes – May 13, 2020 **Approved**

Aviles-Diz, Jorge	SPAN CLASS	P	Hutchison, Paul	ACCT COB	P	Peak, Dan	ITDS COB	P	Yeatts, Dale	SOC CLASS	A
Ayre, Brian	BIOL COS	P	Krahmer, Ana	LIBR	P	Perez, Jose	PHYS COS	P	Zhang, Tao	KHPR COE	P
Baker, Rose	LTEC COI	P	Lam, Chris	TECM CLASS	P	Philbrick, Jodi	IS COI	P			
Belshaw, Scott	CJUS CHPS	P	Lane, Jennifer	MUVS MUSIC	P	Ruggero, Camilo	PSYC CLASS	P			
Biglaiser, Glen	PSCI CLASS	P	Long, Chris	TEA COE	P	Sexton, Michael	MGMT COB	P			
Boesch, Miriam	EPSY COE	P	Mann, Paho	ASTU CVAD	P	Shahrokhi, Farhad	CSE CENG	P			
Britain, Jeff	HTM CMHT	A	Martin, James	MRTS CLASS	P	Stockdale, Nancy	HIST CLASS	P	TEMPORARY SENATORS		
Broberg, Kirsten	MUCS MUSIC	P	McAfee, Jason	CHEM COS	P	Stromberg, Linda	TEA COE	P	Chetan Tiwari (At-L Assoc. Professor)	GEOG CLASS	A
Catalano, Denise	RHS CHPS	P	Mehta, Smita	EPSY COE	P	Tooch, Mario	DANC CLASS	P			
Chamberlin, Adam	THEA CLASS	P	Moreland, Kimberly	ENGL CLASS	P	Walker, Jacqueline	ENGL CLASS	P			
Cherry, William	MATH COS	P	Morton, Sophie	WLLC CLASS	P	Wang, Xuexia	CSE CENG	P			
Filosofova, Tatiana	WLLC CLASS	P	Mukherjee, Dhruvodi	SOWK CHPS	P	Warren, Scott	LTEC COI	P			
Fu, Song	CSE CENG	P	Ojha, Divesh	MKTG COB	P	Watson, Cindy	TNT COS	P	NON-VOTING SENATORS		
Hagan, Briton	KHPR COE	P	Olness, Gloria	ASPL CHPS	P	Wickstrom, Carol	TEA COE	P	Deana Ayers	SGA	A
Hughes, Lee	BIOL COS	P	O'Toole, Erin	LIBR	A	Yanowski, Kevin	LIBR	P	Tiffany Miller	GSC	P
									NON-VOTING SUBSTITUTES		

Guests: Neal Smatresk (President), Jennifer Cowley (VPAA), V. Barbara Bush and Elizabeth Oldmixon (FPOC), Jennifer Porst, Ana Cleveland (LIBR), Amanda Fuller, Srinivasan Srivilliputhur (Elections Committee), Brenda Kihl (VPAA), Mike McPherson (VPAA), Eugene Martin, Sheri Broyles (Imm. Past Chair), Bertina Combes (OFS)

I.	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called to Order • Welcome
II.	Approval of Minutes (April 8, 2020) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve Faculty Senate minutes from April 8, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Sen. McAfee ○ 2nd Motion: Sen. Moreland ○ To Approve: Majority ○ Against: 0 ○ PASSED
III.	Officer elections (Ad Hoc Nominating Committee) [vote] <i>[Voting by private chat to Elections Committee chair, Srinivasan Srivilliputhur]</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanations of voting procedures and process • Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations from Floor: Sen. Hutchinson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sen. Hutchinson declined nomination ○ Sen. Lane has been elected Chair of the Faculty Senate for 2020-2021 • Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations from the Floor: none ○ Sen. Belshaw has been elected Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate for 2020-2021 • Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sen. Walker has been elected Secretary of the Faculty Senate for 2020-2021 • Motion to accept slate of new Officers: Sen. Sexton • 2nd Motion: Sen. Morton • To Accept: majority • PASSED
IV.	Faculty Policy Oversight Committee (V. Barbara Bush / Elizabeth Oldmixon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06.013 Conferring of Emeritus Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under regular review ○ Change requested at last meeting on responsibility – fixed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to un-table: Sen. Morton ▪ 2nd motion: Sen. Philbrick ▪ To approve: Majority ▪ PASSED ○ Should the Dean be included as well in section 1? ○ Terms used in “responsible party” should match throughout the policy – friendly amendment ○ To approve as amended: Majority ○ PASSED • 06.019 Financial Exigency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under regular review ○ Substantive change was addition of non-tenure faculty ○ Friendly amendment of addition of non-tenure to application of policy ○ To approve with friendly amendment: majority ○ PASSED • 06.028 Graduation with Honors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application of policy – undergraduates ○ Friendly amendment – Application of policy – undergraduate students ○ To approve with Friendly amendment: majority ○ PASSED • 06.037 Course and Curriculum Development

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06.040 Grade Appeals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to table 06.028 and 06.037 until time allows: Sen. Lane ○ 2nd Motion: Sen. Aviles-Diz ○ To Table: Majority ○ PASSED
V.	Committee on Committees(William Cherry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing committee vacancies • Administrative committee vacancies
VI.	Other standing committee updates [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postponed due to time
VII.	COVID-19 additional attendance statement for syllabus (Denise Catalano) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource statement for syllabus – not mandated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to use statement as an option to include in faculty syllabi: Sen. Catalano ○ 2nd Motion: Sen. Mehta ○ To approve: majority ○ PASSED • Will need to be distributed to faculty across campus
VIII.	Faculty Discussion (President Neal Smatresk / Provost Jennifer Cowley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARES funding has provided 8000 awards, distributing approx. \$7.7 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding will resume when summer sessions begin • MSI funding is approx. \$2.1 million • Summer enrollment is up 10% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Close to normal enrollment in fall would be down \$30million ○ Worse case if we have to close campus again, \$90million down ○ Most likely will be in range of \$40-\$45million down <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Positioned to weather with current cuts, stimulus funding, and other cost cutting measures ○ July is when final budget is sent for approval • Universities Return to Learn plan has 5 advisory groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Academic ○ Research ○ Student ○ Operations ○ Risk Management • Priorities of on-campus interaction are experiential, 1st years, seniors, and arts • 5% budget cuts gain \$12-\$17 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have gamed up to 10% ○ Most likely will remain at 7.5% • Q: How are we supporting student ineligible for CARE funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNT has raised \$390,000 ○ Funds are available to be awarded to DACA and international students • Pres. Smatresk is on the board of C-USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most universities are planning fall sports (football and others) ○ If we could have attendance, would add to funding and scholarships ○ NCAA has guidelines they are implementing (tracing, testing) • Fall Academic schedule in planning stages

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learning Spaces Strategy Committee (LSSC) charged with focusing on 5 areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Classroom operations ▪ Classroom technologies ▪ Extra Spaces Available ▪ Scheduling ▪ Liaison to Colleges ○ 6 week timeline, report in early July ● Workloads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs are shifting across campus ○ Looking at where service allocations may be reduced ● Academic Affairs is taking a 5% budget cut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Variable within in departments and colleges based on needs ○ Adjunct teaching budgets will be challenging ● Annual review process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No decisions have been made ○ SPOT scores will not be included ● For changes affecting tenure-track and stop-the-clock, contact Bertina Combs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April 1, 2021 is deadline to opt in for stop-the-clock ● Hiring freeze is in effect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does not affect student workers ○ Searches are frozen ● Volunteer separation has been offered to eligible tenured faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 year additional salary ● Working to leave TA and RA funding untouched <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awarded international students who will not arrive until Spring, fall funding can be recovered ● Safety town hall on June 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President will talk about safety protocols on campus ● UNT System has issued a series of guidelines that all UNT should be following ● Masks will be used on campus ● Any particular Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can be ordered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each college will have a PPE coordinator ○ Specialized needs can be requested (clear mouth for lip reading as an example) ● Local distillery has converted to create hand sanitizer ● Supply chains for PPE have been precarious, trying to store what will be needed ● All methods of protocols on campus are being explored, including temperature taking ● National discussion about consequences of non-compliance by faculty, staff, and students and how to encourage compliance ● Bridge training will be available for safety protocols ● Gatherings of more than 10 people will not be allowed until further notice ● Anticipating filling residence halls, full occupancy ● Approx. \$8 million cut to summer budget, \$15million cut from 2020 Spring budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To have saving to carry into fall ● Q: will international students still be required to have face to face classes to meet visa requirements? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting for guidance from federal government, planning for the face to face class needs
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IX.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquiries from faculty about high risk and concerns
X.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
XI.	Comments for the Good of the Order	
XII.	Adjournment	4:00 p.m.