



FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

FACULTY SENATE SPECIAL MEETING

Zoom Meeting

Minutes – August 24, 2020

Aviles-Diz, Jorge	SPAN CLASS	P	Hutchison, Paul	ACCT COB	P	Peak, Dan	ITDS COB	A	Zhang, Tao	KHPR COE	A
Ayre, Brian	BIOL COS	P	Krahmer, Ana	LIBR	P	Perez, Jose	PHYS COS	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	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	NON-VOTING SENATORS		
Cherry, William	MATH COS	P	Morton, Sophie	WLLC CLASS	P	Wang, Xuexia	CSE CENG	P	Cameron Combs	SGA	A
Filosofova, Tatiana	WLLC CLASS	P	Mukherjee, Dhruvodi	SOWK CHPS	P	Warren, Scott	LTEC COI	P	Bailey Sterling	GSC	P
Fu, Song	CSE CENG	P	Ojha, Divesh	MKTG COB	A	Watson, Cindy	TNT COS	A	NON-VOTING SUBSTITUTES		
Hagan, Briton	KHPR COE	P	Olness, Gloria	ASPL CHPS	P	Wickstrom, Carol	TEA COE	P	Brian Fortney for Cindy Watson	TNT	P
Hughes, Lee	BIOL COS	A	Olschofka, Felix	MUIS MUSIC	P	Yeatts, Dale	SOC CLASS	P			
			O'Toole, Erin	LIBR	P						

Guests: Neal Smatresk (President), Jennifer Cowley (VPAA), Bob Brown (Sr. VP Finance), Mike McPherson (VP Student Success), Brenda Kihl (VP Curricular Innovation), Suliman Hwamdeh, Sian Brannon, Rebecca Barham, Oksana Zavalina, Leslie Roberts, Laurel Crawford, Jo Monahan, Mark Phillips, Karen Harker, Justin Stewart, Bob Bland, Coby Condrey, Doug Campbell, Jackie Foertsch, John Martin, Abraham Benevides, et. al.

I.	Welcome and Introductions	Called to Order at 3:04
III.	FY21 budget updates (President Neal Smatresk / Provost Jennifer Cowley / Vice President Bob Brown)	<p>Bob Brown: Presented update on latest models for FY 21. Despite estimated loss of a little over \$40 million, lost revenues for summer leasing, loss of auxiliary funds, and cost of COVID, Brown is comfortable that university community will end the year where we need to be. His office has worked hard to contact at risk students—1,800—to assist them in making payment plans for payment of fees and tuition. Enrollment is up slightly; however, we are flat or about even as numbers are down from last year this time. Around 60% of our students are currently taking online/remote courses. Expenses are down somewhat with hiring freeze and 5% reduction of fiscal year budget. Depending on enrollment and state funding, further cuts are pending.</p> <p>Provost: Depending on next budget cuts, there is a possibility of furloughs—worst case scenario. We have met markers, thus far, but the end of this week will be critical (extended time for students to make payments).</p> <p>President: We are in better shape than most institutions and better shape than peer institutions. Immediate news is better than hoped, but long term news of fewer transfer students and fewer First Time In College (FTIC) students is real, and we will need to address these challenges.</p> <p>Provost: Graduate Programs: Graduate Program numbers are up; however, we have challenges with our international graduate student population. Presently, we have 100 remote start with some students coming in January 2021.</p> <p>Provost: CANVAS question—outages—program error due to CANVAS running updates. Content is recoverable. Adam Fein to provide for faculty, generally; please share with faculty.</p> <p>Provost: If campus or county experiences more COVID cases, what is the plan? Unless the state closes institutions, we will not have a closing. With more activity occurring on campus, if we should see an increase in cases, the university will begin to remove a small number of classes, first. Clinical classes that require student face-to-face activity would be last. That is, there would not be a general announcement of a closing; instead, faculty would be contacted individually if we feel we need to “thin” the campus.</p>
XI.	COVID-19 Testing and Tracking update (Elizabeth With)	<p>With: University has in place testing and quarantine program. University health center has been offering tests (“rapid test”) to symptomatic students since July 6, 2020. Baseline testing of 582 students in the dorms was conducted with 1 positive. Housing will be conducting “random testing” in order to continue to build a “baseline.” There is a contact tracing program in place—testing, quarantine, and isolation—with students, faculty, and staff of the contact group for contact tracing to be tested for free. However, health care center does not accept insurance because the health care center is a “clinic,” so it cannot test persons who simply want a test using insurance.</p>

		<p>COVID Dashboard: https://healthalerts.unt.edu/return/cases</p> <p>With: Steps taken for students—1) working to educate students through CANVAS; 2) notified students returning to campus to monitor themselves before returning to campus; 3) provided training for resident advisors.</p> <p>With: Question on Groups—there will be “pods” of students who live in same wings of 25-30 students who are assigned the same color wrist bands. Consequently, there will be groups of students on campus, and faculty, staff, and students should not be alarmed.</p> <p>With: Question on Testing of Greeks—if Greek organization request testing, yes, health care center can test. There are no scheduled events this semester.</p> <p>President: All fall sports moved to Spring 2021. Football only in Fall 2020. Testing of athletes—NCAA guidelines, test all twice per week. Our concern is to guarantee that athletes will be safe. Marching band in stands.</p> <p>Provost: We watch the CDC and make changes based on what the CDC recommends that is driven by the science.</p>
XIII.	Adjournment	c. 4:05pm