

FACULTY SENATE MEETING University Union 332

MINUTES – February 14, 2018

ATTENDANC	Œ:	P =	present L	= semest	er le	ave A = abser	nt				
Aviles-Diz,	SPAN	L	Kalin,	AEAH	Р	Olschofka,	MUIS	Р	Yeatts, Dale	SOC	Р
Jorge	CLASS		Nadine	CVAD		Felix	MUSIC			CLASS	
Ayre, Brian	BIOL	Р	Kawamura,	MATH	L	Parsons,	PSYC	Α			
	COS		Kiko	COS		Thomas	CLASS				
Baker, Kim	KHPR	Р	Krahmer,	LIBR	Р	Perez, Jose	PHYS	Р			
	COE		Ana				COS				
Boesch,	EPSY	Р	Krzewinski-	KHPR	Р	Peters, John	ENGL	Р			
Miriam	COE		Malone,	COE			CLASS				
			Jeanette								
Broyles,	SOJ	Р	Lane,	MUVS	Α	Philbrick, Jodi	IS	Р			
Sheri			Jennifer	MUSIC			COI				
Bush, V.	CHE	Р	Lin, Lin	LTEC	Α	(Pitre resign					
Barbara	COE			COI		spg 2018)					
Catalano,	RHAB	Р	Lindo,	CHE	Α	Ruderman,	PSCI	Р	TEMPORARY	SENATORS	
Denise	HPS		Natalya	COE		Richard	CLASS				
Chamberlin,	THEA	L	May,	MUCP	L	Sexton,	MGMT	Р	Major, Rafe	PSCI	
Adam	CLASS		Andrew	MUSIC		Michael	СОВ		(Pitre	CLASS	
					_				replacement)		_
Dubin,	HTM	Р	Mehta,	EPSY	Р	Shah, Jyoti	BIOL	Р	Polegato,	WLLC	Р
Elliot	CMHT		Smita	COE			CLASS		Andrea (Aviles-Diz)	CLASS	
Filosofova,	WLLC	Α	Mirshams,	MEE	Α	Shahrokhi,	CSE	Α	Fishman,	MATH	Р
Tatiana	CLASS	``	Reza	ENG	'	Farhad	ENG	, ,	Lior	CLASS	'
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Gaffney,	MGMT	Р	Mohanty,	CSE	Α	Subramaniam,	TE&A	L	Martin,	MRTS	Р
Nolan	СОВ		Saraju	ENG		Karthigeyan	COE		James (May)	CLASS	
Gu, Xiangli	KHPR	Р	Morton,	WLLC	Р	Taylor, Daniel	PSYC	Α	Long, Chris	(substitute)	Р
	COE		Sophie	CLASS			CLASS		(Subramaniam)		
Hensel,	PSCI	Р	O'Donnell,	HTM	Р	Tooch, Mario	DANC	Р	NON-VOTING	•	
Paul	CLASS		Joe	CMHT			CLASS				
Hughes, Lee	BIOL	Р	Ojha,	MKTG	Α	Warren, Scott	LTEC	Р	Cole,	SGA REP	Р
	COS		Divesh	СОВ			COI		Barrett		
Hutchison,	ACCT	Р	Olness,	ASPL	Р	Yanowski,	LIBR	Р	Jones, Lynze	GSC	Р
Paul	COB		Gloria	HPS		Kevin			-	REP	
Guests:	Terri Day and Sarah Pratt (Policy Oversight Committee), Julie Leventhal (UUCC), Melisa Brown (URCM),										
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	Christopher DeClerk and Jordan Barnett (HR – Total Rewards), Margaret Vestal (Provost's office), Joseph										
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I.	Welcome and Introductions	 Call to Order at 2PM Wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day Welcome New and Temporary Senators (listed above)
II.	Approval of Minutes (December 13, 2017) [vote]	Motion to approve the minutes as distributed
III.	Approval of temporary Senators (V. Barbara Bush) [vote]	Motion to accept the temporary senators
IV.	Faculty Discussion (President Neal Smatresk / Provost Jennifer Cowley)	President Smatresk Financial Forecast It is bad. We are not raising tuition. We are making moves that other universities have made. Overall our enrollment was flat. We know where we fell. International enrollment was down. Transfer enrollment was down. We know what we need to do next year Enrollment is now driven by shopping Students want the best deal and most money. We are in an arms race with other universities. The culture now is apply early, so there are fewer dollars coming later. We are graduating people faster, and while that is good, it means money leaves sooner. As of right now, enrollment is up 17-18% from last year. This means we are up compared to our biggest up. We also have many National Merit Scholars listing us first. This is not a guarantee, but it is something. Our financial predictors are not as good as they once were. Overall our budget should be up 2-3%.

- We are not making any big new commitments.
- Raises will happen, but how much will depend on fall enrollment.
- We will be filling lines and won't have any hiring freezes.
- We have a lot of building opportunities now, but we may need to reprioritize.
- We are finishing up buying property around the Gateway Center.
 - We did not use eminent domain on McDonald's.
 - Hopefully we will soon get IHOP.
- Legislative Session
 - Won't be great.
 - The buzz is that Houston is playing up the hurricane and that might drain the coffers.
 - We will be lucky to stay even due to the climate of higher education in the House.
- Questions
 - Will any of the new properties around Gateway go to classroom space?
 - There are many different master plan ideas.
 - One idea is a mixed-use retail/residential.
 - Nothing is certain right now.
 - Sack and Save property is not going away.
 - It will house a new project from the provost.
 - High School Graduate Poaching
 - This is in full swing for Texas.
 - Vice President Shannon
 Goodman was at a big enrollment
 meeting recently and the main
 questions was how are Texas
 Universities recruiting.
 - President Smatresk met recently with Texas University Presidents and Chancellors and it was stated that UNT and VP Goodman are doing well at recruitment.
 - We do see online enrollment growing. This needs to be an area of focus.
- Indirect costs and grant allocations
 - We work off about a 48% modified direct recovery
 - This is fairly evenly split out to colleges, research office, and provost.
 - Once it gets to the colleges, it might not be as even.
 - Our requirement is that the colleges just have to publish their numbers.
 - At UNT the cost of research usually outweighs the

grant dollars. Questions It would be nice to know the philosophy behind Indirect Costs. We do our best to use the funds and President Smatresk has not heard many complaints. The money should always go to supporting research. Research dollars at UNT Good news is that the total money coming in is However, we are coming out of a research money slump. As President Smatresk arrived, some researchers left and took their money with Money leaving is quick, money coming back in is slow. We are projecting an all-time high of \$53 million Provost Cowley Compression It exists. The Faculty Salary Study is complete. We are working on action plans and will report back to the Senate with specifics next month. Dean evaluations The Deans got together and created their own evaluation criteria Strategic Leadership Financial/Resource Management HR Management Communication/Collaboration External Relations/Advancement Professionalism/Collegiality College specific goals The FS committee on Admin Evaluations is looking at

these criteria and reworking the FS Admin Evaluation

Provost Cowley really wants good, valuable feedback

Active steps are being taken to ensure transparency

on now

information

Faculty do not know what is going on with

Midyear financial review is going

Ask your Chairs or Deans for this

Provost know.

President Smatresk says that transparency does not bother the administration.

If you don't get it, let the

Survey

Transparency in Colleges and Units

Faculty want transparency

out of the Provost's office Comments/Concerns

the budget

		 You should be able to see things, but remember, you might not always like them. Creating more/better transparency requires conversations between faculty and administration. Other items A non-tenured faculty member is worried about harassment in student evaluations. They were told that nothing could be done about it. President Smatresk I have received unprofessional comments too Register complaints with the chair and the P&T committee and if they feel they are being unfairly judged, there are ways to correct it. As far as punishing students, we can't because we don't know who they are. It is a hard thing to punish even if students say things to your face. We live in a world of comments. Students can say anything online or in an evaluation. President Smatresk said to remember that these are his opinions. If you feel like you are being threatened and the language used violates Title 9 or is harassment, report it to the Police and the Dean of Students office. They will act on it.
V.	Policy Updates (Terri Day / chair)	 New chair of the FS Policy Oversight Committee – Sarah Pratt Policies up for first read 06.003, Student Academic Integrity Recently came through the FS, however, the overall process changes to be online, so the policy needed to be updated to reflect this. 06.047, Shared Governance and the Role of Advisory Committees and the Academic Administration This is just part of normal review cycles. Content remained the same; it was just formatting that was updated.
VI.	Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) (Joseph Oppong)	 At this year's council of graduate schools, Jim Kroll talked about RCR This is a big problem nationwide Students and faculty are cheating more and more UNT is going to try to make some changes by educating graduate students about RCR Any graduate student that applies for a travel grant will have to go through RCR training If you or your department already give RCR training, let Dr. Oppong know and, if they reply, they will be exempt from doing it again The big challenge is for faculty. How can we educate the faculty and keep their knowledge

		current? O We need your help. Send ideas on how to help graduate students and faculty stay current on RCR directly to Dr. Oppong.
VII.	Medical and Mental Health Benefits (Christopher DeClerk / Jordan Barnett)	Employee Retirement System (ERS) runs UNT's health plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) is the 3rd party administrator chosen by ERS. UNT cannot design its own plan. We are in a six-year contract with BCBS BCBS brought a change in the provider network. Concerns Provider not in network BCBS has a way to add providers to the network. It is pretty easy and if everyone agrees, the provider can be added quickly. You can also pay out of network costs, but they are more. Specialist referrals have expired and it is a lengthy process Your PCP can give referral extensions if needed. You can have your PCP submit your referral early, that way it is in place by time your appointment happens. The team is there to help. Contact them if you need anything. Questions BCBS uses the wrong address for the doctor to make them seem out of network. Contact the team and they can help. Some providers on already on BCBS, but not ours. Why? We are a special network, BCBS Health Select. Providers can still join our network even if they are on another BCBS network. How much of what you are saying today has actually gone out to faculty? It has gone out in many ways and formats. ERS also has many FAQs. Before the plan changed they sent out announcements. In the summer, they do many of informative presentations. Comment: The timing of announcements is key since so many faculty are away in the summer. Unfortunately, UNT does not find out a lot of information until late May. If you do have concerns, do send them along. The team will get them to the BCBS coordinator who works directly with them.
VIII.	Parking and Transportation update (Christopher Phelps / Carrie Stoeckert)	 Trista Moxley is our new senior communications specialist. They are almost done filling staff vacancies. FS Parking Last year, about 1,200 spots were lost. This just means that parking is pushed further out Highland Street Garage FS Parking on the 7th floor This does not cost extra. It is monitored.

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		 You simply show your ticket and your FS sticker to the gate attendant (between 6am-midnight) and they will let you out.
		VIP Parking
		 20 spots in lot 27 are designated VIP.
		 They are testing this with College of Music right now
		 All you have to do is let parking know who is coming ahead of
		time. The person will get a permit and they can even get a ride
		if they need it once they get to campus.
		 They are working out the hiccups.
		Bus transportation
		 They are almost done with contract negotiation with DCTA.
		 Everything should be signed by May and in place for the new
		fiscal year.
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		• Questions
		 VIP means something and lot 27 is not close to much.
		 Parking is happy to look at providing more VIP
		parking elsewhere in the future.
		 They are happy to take comments.
		 They are working out the process now and can see
		where they can put these spots in the future.
		 As you create new FS spots, what about reserve lots?
		 They are not anticipating a lot of change next year.
		 There is an A space waitlist and they don't oversell A.
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		 They are trying to quantify parking and then
		can hopefully try to make changes so that
		so many spaces are not empty.
		 TA/TFs can use FS spots and they are using a lot
		They will look into this. They may consider going back
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		to a separate permit.
		 Lot 59 is both Eagle and FS, are any signage/ painting updates
		happening.
		 They just shifted the number of FS and Eagle spots.
		 As they restripe lots, they repaint.
		You can park down but not up (FS can park in Eagle,
		but not the other way around).
		They know the signs for parking are confusing.
IX.	Committee on Committees	 Motion to accept nominations for standing committees
	Update (Jodi Philbrick) [vote]	 Moved by committee
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		■ None
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		For – Majority
		Administrative Committees
		 Any nominations from the floor
		None
		 No action needed
		Please help fill vacancies.
		Motion to require Faculty Senate standing committee meetings to not
		be scheduled for the same times as the full Faulty Senate or Executive
		Committee meetings.
		 Motion moved by Committee on Committees
		Discussion
		 None
		Vote
		For − Majority
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X.	Other Standing Committee Updates [vote]	UUCC Report/Minutes (Jaymee Haefner / Julie Leventhal) They have created a best practices document and will share it with the FS next month Motion to accept the report/minutes as presented Moved by committee Discussion None Vote For - Majority Graduate Council Minutes (December and January) There needs to be better conversations between department chairs so that the same class is not taught twice Motion to accept both minutes as presented Moved by committee Moved by committee Moved by committee None Vote For - Majority
XI.	Confirmation of Executive Committee Actions (V. Barbara Bush) [vote]	Acceptance of Salary Study Committee mid-year report
XII.	New Business	• None
XIII.	Old Business	 Thanksgiving/Fall break poll results (Paul Hutchison) Thanks to everyone who helped. 44.2% response rate Taking the week off was most popular. Leaving things along came in second. They wanted to weight the responses. They used a reverse weighting

		 Unfortunately, this fails a logic test. Questions What would this do to our academic calendar? The state requires classes meet for so much time. How this is done is up to the university. If you backed up the start date to earlier in August, more time off could work. There are many student and staff issues that also need to be taken into consideration.
		 Many new students arrive and do not understand that we don't get the whole week off. The committee now wants to hand this off to administration to get their thoughts and ask them to look at the calendar and possibly make adjustments. This will come back to the EC before it goes up to the Provost.
XIV.	Comments for the Good of the Order	Happy Valentine's Day
XV.	Adjournment	Adjourned at 4:01pm