



# FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

University Union 332

MINUTES – April 11, 2018

ATTENDANCE: P = Present A= Absent L= Leave											
Aviles-Diz, Jorge	SPAN CLASS	L	Kalin, Nadine	AEAH CVAD	P	Perez, Jose	PHYS COS	P			
Ayre, Brian	BIOL COS	A	Kawamura, Kiko	MATH COS	L	Peters, John	ENGL CLASS	P			
Baker, Kim	KHPR COE	A	Krahmer, Ana	LIBR	A	Philbrick, Jodi	IS COI	P			
Boesch, Miriam	EPSY COE	P	Krzewinski -Malone, Jeanette	KHPR COE	P	Ruderman, Richard	PSCI CLASS	P			
Broyles, Sheri	JOUR	P	Lane, Jennifer	MUVS MUSIC	P	Sexton, Michael	MGMT COB	P	<b>TEMPORARY SENATORS</b>		
Bush, V. Barbara	CHE COE	P	Lin, Lin	LTEC COI	P	Shah, Jyoti	BIOL CLASS	P	Blackstone, Bethany (Taylor)	PSCI CLASS	P
Catalano, Denise	RHAB HPS	P	May, Andrew	MUCP MUSIC	L	Shahrokhi, Farhad	CSE ENG	A	Major, Rafe (Pitre)	PSCI CLASS	A
Chamberlin, Adam	THEA CLASS	P	Mehta, Smita	EPSY COE	P	Subramaniam, Karthigeyan	TE&A COE	L	Fishman, Lior (Kawamura)	MATH CLASS	A
Dubin, Elliot	HTM CMHT	P	Mirshams, Reza	MEE ENG	L	Tooch, Mario	DANC CLASS	P	Long, Chris (Subramaniam)	TE&A COE	P
Filosofova, Tatiana	WLLC CLASS	A	Mohanty, Saraju	CSE ENG	A	Warren, Scott	LTEC COI	P	Martin, James (May)	MRTS CLASS	A
Gaffney, Nolan	MGMT COB	P	Morton, Sophie	WLLC CLASS	A	Yanowski, Kevin	LIBR	P	Polegato, Andrea (Aviles-Diz)	WLLC CLASS	P
Gu, Xiangli	KHPR COE	P	O'Donnell, Joe	HTM CMHT	P	Yeatts, Dale	SOC CLASS	P			
Hensel, Paul	PSCI CLASS	P	Ojha, Divesh	MKTG COB	A						
Hughes, Lee	BIOL COS	P	Olness, Gloria	ASPL HPS	P						
Hutchison, Paul	ACCT COB	P	Olschofka, Felix	MUIS MUSIC	A						
									<b>NON-VOTING SENATORS</b>		
									Cole, Barrett	SGA	P
									Jones, Lynze	GSA	P
									<b>NON-VOTING SUBSTITUTES (write in name and person subbing for)</b>		

**GUESTS:** Michael McPherson (VPAA), Patrick Pluscht (CLEAR), Meredith Wright (URCM), Deb Rohwer (President's office), Terri Day (Academic Administration), Christy Crutsinger (VPAA), Rose Baker (COI/Admin Evals Comm)

I.	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order at 2:02pm</li> </ul>
II.	Approval of Minutes (March 21, 2018) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion to approve the minutes as distributed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Senator Hutchison moved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Senator Ruderman seconded</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>None</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Vote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>For – majority</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Abstain – 1</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
III.	Approval of temporary Senators (V. Barbara Bush) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion to approve Temporary Senator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Senator Ruderman moved</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Senator Yeatts seconded</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>None</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Vote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>For – unanimous</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
IV.	Faculty Discussion (President Neal Smatresk / Provost Jennifer Cowley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Award winners will be featured on the Apogee sign along side I35</li> <li>○ Town hall tomorrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Union Room 382 at 3pm</li> <li>▪ Will be recorded, but not live streamed</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Process for review P&amp;T Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Provost is wanting to create some general uniformity</li> <li>▪ If there are minor suggested changes, they will just be changed</li> <li>▪ If there are substantive suggested changes, the Provost will give them back to the Chair and the Chair will work with the faculty on those changes</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Non-Honors Undergraduate research funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There is \$500 available for research funding for non-honors undergraduate students</li> <li>▪ This money is housed in the Honors College, but is open to anyone</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Consulting with Faculty on Academic Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The President and Provost are working to correct problems</li> <li>▪ They are also working on hiring a new person who can further help resolve issues and make the over all process better</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Employee Searches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jana Hawley is the new Dean of the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism</li> <li>▪ Search for College on Engineering Dean is underway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates will come to campus at the end of April and start of May</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Diane Bruxvoort is the new Dean of Libraries</li> <li>▪ Vice President for Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates are coming in</li> <li>• The President really wants feedback from public forums</li> <li>• Send feedback and thoughts to Su Gao who is the chair of the search committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Still looking for a Digital Strategies person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for an update soon</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Search for the #2 spot in Finance and Administration is going well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both finalists are good</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Building Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CVAD building is going great and will be complete on time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open this fall</li> <li>• After the opening, the older side will be renovated</li> <li>• The President is really excited about the public spaces</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ New Residence Hall and Tour Center are going up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tour Center will be state of the art and will “wow”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- The new Dining Hall is going up
- The new Bio-Med expansion is going up at Discovery Park
- The Soccer Complex is going well
  - Once complete, Fouts Field can come down
- Parking Update
  - They are talking with DFW Valet to possibly start offering Valet parking around campus
  - With their technology, students can drop off their car and then based on the student's schedule, pick up their car close to their building
- Budget
  - It is tapped out this fiscal year
- Enrollment
  - It is looking good and better than this time last year
  - We are seeing growth across the board in all student types
  - Up 8% over all with some areas seeing 14% growth
  - There is much anecdotal evidence that our enrollment strategies are working
- Retention
  - We lost 2,000 students last year
    - Personal issues and finances are the usual reasons
  - We really need to try and keep them because it is harder to get them back
  - The President wants faculty to be ambassadors for retention. Get students the help they need. Show them you care.
  - The President also wants to enlist SGA's help
- System Update
  - They have made both major and minor adjustments
  - We should get some money back from the system because of these changes
    - Some services will return to us and some people too
  - The Chancellor is making good changes and she is really listening to concerns
- Net Dragon Update
  - The research institute is up and running
    - They are interviewing people for the director position next week
  - There is some work happening already
    - STEM course development
      - MOOC style courses but with more personalization
  - Smart Campus is moving slower than expected
    - This is because of all the regulations and safety needed in the US
    - They hope to release this as an iPhone app to a select group soon
  - Internships are starting to be developed
    - There will be both short and long internships
    - The people who complete these will be ambassadors between UNT and Net Dragon
  - Music
    - Our College of Music is composing video game and avatar music which will be for sale
- Questions
  - Is the Net Dragon partnership music available?
    - Not yet, the Dean wants to make sure it is perfect
    - They are also making sure all the rights are secure
  - Dallas Cowboys Partnership update
    - The President will give two tickets to the Senate and they will hold a lottery or drawing for them
    - We pay the Cowboys for sponsorship, but get a lot back
      - UNT's ads appear around the stadium and the STAR
      - UNT's ads appear on Cowboy's radio stations
      - UNT's ads appear during all games
    - They Cowboy's also want UNT to start developing courses around hospitality, big data, and E-Sports
    - The team is hiring our interns and are starting to think of us as a #1 source for new employees
    - Jerry Jones and his family really like UNT and are starting to push other partnerships our way

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Of the 2,000 students lost last year, how many were first year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not sure at the moment</li> <li>• We have a problem of retention across all grade levels</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Is Net Dragon connected to Confucius Institutes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> <li>• Some schools have dropped the institute and others have stayed</li> <li>• Some people at UNT like the idea of joining and others don't</li> <li>• Net Dragon is a purely commercial relationship</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
V.	Policy Updates (Terri Day / chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Read - 06.011 – Faculty Leaves of Absence Without Pay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They updated definitions and specified lengths</li> <li>○ <b>Motion to accept the policy as presented</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Coming from the Policy Oversight Committee</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Is it still up to the unit to allow for leave without pay?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Is this separate from FMLA?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>What about Pre-Tenure Faculty?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Does this count against the tenure clock?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>You still need to apply for “stop the clock” like normal</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Secondary Motion to add under reference policies “Cross references to FMLA and Stop the Clock polices”</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Senator Lane moved</b></li> <li>○ <b>Senator Olness seconded</b></li> <li>○ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>Are there any forms that need to be references?</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>No, it is just an email</u></b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Vote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>For – Unanimous</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Vote with secondary motion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For – Unanimous</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
VI.	Faculty Senate meetings procedures (Kevin Yanowski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A handout was developed to help remind senators of procedures and so that meetings can run smoothly</li> <li>• Note that there is no such thing as Friendly Amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There needs to be secondary motion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Abstentions are recorded, but count toward the negative outcome</li> <li>• What about Proxy votes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This we will be looked into</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
VII.	Committee on Committees Update (Jodi Philbrick) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nominations are presented in red</li> <li>○ Nominations from the floor? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Motion to accept the nominations as presented</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>From the Committee on Committees</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Vote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For – unanimous</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Standing Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No new nominations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nominations from the floor? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ No vote needed</li> </ul>
VIII.	Elections Committee update (Adam Chamberlin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Group IV has senators</li> <li>● 8 new senators were elected this round</li> <li>● Good voting turn out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Faculty actually voted</li> </ul> </li> <li>● At-large nominations are coming out soon</li> <li>● The new procedure is working well</li> </ul>
IX.	Evaluation of University Administrators Committee update (Rose Baker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This committee has been working hard to make the process better</li> <li>● The new process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The senate will send out a reminder email in the morning and say to keep a look out for the evaluation later in the day</li> <li>○ The evaluation will go out later in the day</li> <li>○ Reminders will go out every Tuesday after the evaluations are sent</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Deans, Associate Deans, and Chairs will happen this spring, other administrators will happen in the fall</li> <li>● Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The way in which the college goals are communicated will vary. Ensuring participation is key, so make sure that comes across</li> <li>○ Maybe move the statement saying the survey is anonymous to the start of the pre-evaluation email with the new shortness being the second sentence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
X.	Other Standing Committee Updates [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● UJCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Motion to approve the minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>From the committee</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Vote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>For – unanimous</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Graduate Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Motion to approve the Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>From the committee</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Vote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>For – unanimous</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
XI.	Confirmation of Executive Committee Actions (V. Barbara Bush) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New College and Graduate School faculty placement in groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reapportionment committee met and due to the numbers of members decided to put these faculty in Group V.</li> <li>○ They may move in the future as needs change</li> <li>○ There are now Deans for both colleges</li> <li>○ <b>Motion to accept these faculty for Group V</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>From the committee</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Is the name for New College actually New College?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Yes for now</b></li> <li>○ <b>It is not ideal</b></li> <li>○ <b>The new Dean will contemplate other names and look at the BAAS</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Vote</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For – majority</b></li> <li>• <b>Against – 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Abstain – 0</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation that the Provost create an ad hoc committee to include faculty, staff, and students in order to explore modification of and recommendations concerning the academic calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This was in response to the Thanksgiving Break report</li> <li>○ <b>Motion to accept this action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>From the committee</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Will the Provost create the committee?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Yes</b></li> <li>○ <b>But setting the calendar does not rest in her office</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Vote</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For – Unanimous</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
XII.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you think of anything, please let your EC representative know</li> </ul>
XIII.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>
XIV.	Comments for the Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former Senator Sweany’s memorial service was very nice. Senator Lane’s music was beautiful</li> <li>• Look for a flyer about the UNT Graduation Block Party</li> <li>• CLEAR Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They would like everyone to attend all or part of the conference</li> <li>○ Registration is still open and more information can be found on CLEAR’s website</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You can deactivate your Outlook “Clutter” folder thereby stopping important messages from ending up there</li> </ul>
XV.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjournment at 3:31pm</li> </ul>