



FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

University Union 332

MINUTES – May 9 2018

ATTENDANCE: P = Present A= Absent L= Leave											
Aviles-Diz, Jorge	SPAN CLASS	L	Kalin, Nadine	AEAH CVAD	A	Perez, Jose	PHYS COS	P			
Ayre, Brian	BIOL COS	P	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	A	TEMPORARY SENATORS		
Bush, V. Barbara	CHE COE	P	Lin, Lin	LTEC COI	A	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	P	Major, Rafe (Pitre)	PSCI CLASS	A
Chamberlin, Adam	THEA CLASS	A	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	P	Mohanty, Saraju	CSE ENG	A	Warren, Scott	LTEC COI	P	Martin, James (May)	MRTS CLASS	P
Gaffney, Nolan	MGMT COB	A	Morton, Sophie	WLLC CLASS	P	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	P						
									NON-VOTING SENATORS		
									Cole, Barrett	SGA	A
									Jones, Lynze	GSA	P
									NON-VOTING SUBSTITUTES (write in name and person subbing for)		

GUESTS: Michael McPherson (VPAA), Meredith Wright (URCM), Deb Rohwer (President's office), Christy Crutsinger (VPAA), Rose Baker (COI/Admin Evals Comm), Melisa Brown (URCM), Elsita Dean (ODI); Paula Andrews (Libraries), Margaret Vestal (Provost Ofc), Bradley Varcoe (Police Services), Wendy Watson (Academic Affairs Comm), Jaymee Haefner (UUC); Scotie Selman (Emergency Mgmt), Shani Moore (ODI)

I.	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order 2:01pm • Welcome UNT HSC Faculty Senate President Elect, Patrick Clay
II.	Approval of Minutes April 11, 2018) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve the minutes as distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senator Catalano moved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senator Hutcheson seconded ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – majority ▪ Abstain – 3
III.	Faculty Discussion (President Neal Smatresk / Provost Jennifer Cowley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frisco partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Video played about Frisco ○ The video provided a good overview ○ Frisco really wanted a university and made an attractive offer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UNT was not the only university the city went after ○ We saw it as a strategic priority ○ It is important to have a strong presence there <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No university already there ▪ It is a fast growing area ▪ We have a lot of students from that area and that base would dry up if another institution moved in ○ We were given 100 acres with the option to purchase 50 more in the next 15 years (at today's price) ○ We also bought the building that was there <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It has lab space ▪ It currently has tenants ▪ We purchased it for a lot less than it would have cost us to build ○ We will be looking to see what programs/classes should be offered there ○ We do not want it to replicate UNT, Frisco will be a satellite campus like Discovery Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It will be called Inspire Park ○ It is possible for a university location to seek independent status, but we and Frisco do not want this ○ There are medical opportunities there too <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HSC will not be forgotten about ○ Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Frisco should pay for itself through the students that go there ○ Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The new library Dean has been tasked to see what can be done and how they can participate now ▪ There will be dedicated library space built into the new building • Workload <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not every unit has a policy and it should ○ Next year every unit will review and/or create a workload policy ○ VP Crutsinger will find examples over the summer ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A senator says this is a more than 40 hour a week job yet the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board says it is a 40 hour a week job <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provost responds (probably in jest) "Good luck getting promoted"

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNT's workload policy is different than any other place the President has worked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Normally the polices are very different department to department because of the difference in disciplines ▪ "Not everyone will get the same teaching load" ▪ Everyone should be rewarded for what you do ○ We want to design some guidelines and a base and then have units change/augment from there ○ 1-1 loads are rare even with buyouts except in rare circumstances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The President really wants education to be a priority ○ There is a document on the Provost's website about scaling in terms of workload but this has not been consistently applied ○ There is not a system wide workload policy ○ Things like this always start with administrative guidance, but departments and faculty have to be able to help too ● Smoking policy enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People smoke on campus ○ Policy states that you are not allowed to smoke on campus and not allowed to vape within 25 feet of any entrance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will be looked at and possibly revised ○ It has to be community enforced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We will not have the police enforce it ● Security procedures relative to free speech areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We do not own our streets or the attached sidewalks, the city does <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our police can still patrol and enforce there ○ In reference to the "street preachers" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They know where they can stand and what they can and cannot do/say and they push the boundaries ▪ They want to be able to litigate against the school ▪ Regardless, our students did great ▪ Our police did great ○ For any type of protest, our police will always be there, but their visibility will be determined by the situation ○ One of the senators wanted to give a shout out to UNT Brass and the students who handled themselves really well
IV.	Desktop Notifications (Chief Ed Reynolds / Scotie Selman)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The senate has been extremely supportive, Thank You ● This will help police and emergency management get notifications out in a bigger and quicker way ● It can utilize many different components ● Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete ○ Instant notifications ○ Physical buttons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have 6 ▪ They are located in both the Police Department and the Emergency Operations Center ● Phase 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on this now ○ Desktop and computer notifications through screen takeover ● Phase 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The future ○ Potentially using other systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The fire alarms for example ▪ Outdoor notifications ● This notification system is not really any different than our current system, it just lets the same notification get out in more ways

V.	Campus Climate Survey (Joanne Woodard/Shani Barrax Moore)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This comes out of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion • The timing of this survey is important and timely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are now a minority serving institution ○ We are almost a Hispanic serving institution • Using this survey is a best practice for universities • The data we get will help create and retrofit policy to our current students' needs • The tool will also be available in Spanish • Marketing starts now so we can hope for the best participation • It will go to everyone with a UNT email address and be available in paper • It will go as granular as the college level • Faculty, Staff, Students, and Administrators will have their own flavor of survey • Faculty will be able to review the tool, through Senator Bush • Please help us push the survey next fall
VI.	Election of Faculty Senate officers for 2018-2019 [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer elections are done every May • The terms are July 1 through June 30 the next year • We have nominations from the floor and then a vote • Nominees are not limited to just the EC • Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sheri Broyles ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – unanimous ▪ Against – 0 • Vice-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adam Chamberlin ▪ Denise Catalano ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Catalano <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loves being on the senate • Is currently on the EC for Group VII • Would love to be part of the team • <i>On her behalf</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She is very direct and to the point ○ She looks at all the issues ○ She represents her group's views ▪ Chamberlin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>On his behalf</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very objective ○ Voices his opinion when appropriate ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Catalano – 17 votes ▪ Chamberlin – 14 votes • Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kevin Yanowski ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For - unanimous ▪ Against - 0
VII.	Elections Committee update (Adam Chamberlin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election results for next year are presented • An email will be sent out with this information as well
VIII.	Committee on Committees Update (Jodi Philbrick)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing and administrative committee vacancies/nominations [vote] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standing Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nominations are in read

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ University Elections Committee has two nominees in Group 1, we need to select one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominee Beckman is in the Spanish department and has been the chair of the TF/TA committee in the past • Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sheppard – 5 votes ○ Beckman – 21 votes ▪ The other nominees are taken as a unit ▪ The committee moves to accept the other nominees with the addition of nominee Beckman as selected previously <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None • Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For – Unanimous ○ Administrative Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nominees in red ▪ Question <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can associate Deans be on these committees? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No ○ One is listed currently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The person is on their way out from this committee ▪ Also, please let the senate office know if this happens again ▪ Motion from committee to accept the nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None • Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For – unanimous
IX.	Academic Affairs Committee recommendations (Christy Crutsinger / Wendy Watson) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eliminate the grade of WF ○ Eliminate instructor signature to drop a course ○ New procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All online ▪ For the first 2 weeks of class, the student drops and the course just disappears ▪ After the first 2 weeks, the student drops the course and receives a W • Why eliminate the WF? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is punitive ○ It is not used by peer institutions ○ It has not been applied consistently • Why eliminate the instructor signature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently, we have the “UNT runaround” ○ Non-faculty are signing the drop forms frequently ○ Faculty don’t always know the consequences of dropping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For example the 6 drop rule • The proposed online drop process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student initiates the drop ○ Student sees detailed consequences/warnings ○ Student is highly encouraged to talk to their instructor ○ As soon as the student drops, the faculty is automatically notified ○ The drop does not become official until the one week grace period has passed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This allows time for the instructor to reach out to the student if needed/desired

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What about dropping closer to the end of the semester? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You can still just assign a grade of F ▪ Nothing really changes here ○ We really want to align ourselves with the 6 drop rule. What we are currently doing is outdated ○ Student-Professor relationship concern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Face to Face meetings are critical ▪ Moving this process to online could commercialize the relationship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We do have a lot of online course and tracking down a professor can be difficult ○ Could we put in a “why” question or drop down in the online form? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This seems like a good idea and we don’t see why not at this point ○ What about an option where faculty could give a W earlier in the semester <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If faculty did this, it would count against the student’s 6 drops. It really needs to be initiated by the students • Call for the question • Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to accept the recommendations approved by the Executive Committee, listed below, with the addition of a “why” question in the online form. (Eliminate the automatic W date; Eliminate the WF; Eliminate faculty approval for drops but add automatic drop notification to the faculty followed by a 5 business day grace period before the finalization of the drop; The entire process occur online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senator Mehta moved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Morton seconded ▪ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can this why answer go to the faculty in the automatic email? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most likely yes, we will check • Can we vote line by line <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At this point, the vote is for the entire motion or nothing • This is a process, faculty can still reach out to students before they drop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need to educate faculty on this • By accepting this, it would simplify the overall drop calendar ▪ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For – 23 • Against – 3 • Abstain – 0
X.	Other Standing Committee Updates [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion from both committees (UJCC and Graduate Council) to accept their reports as distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – unanimous
XI.	Confirmation of Executive Committee Actions (V. Barbara Bush) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion from committee to accept all end of year reports as presented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – unanimous • Motion from committee to accept the SPOT committee

		<p>report/recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State legislature mandates that we provide evaluation results online ▪ SPOT Scores only (not comments) will be provided through FIS ▪ This applies to undergraduate courses only ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – unanimous
XII.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
XIII.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
XIV.	Comments for the Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have one more senate meeting on June 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This meeting will have pizza ○ Please come ○ Remember it will not be in the normal senate chambers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It will be in BLB 170
XV.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned at 4:12pm