



FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

University Union 332

MINUTES – December 12, 2018

Aviles-Diz, Jorge	SPAN CLASS	P	Kalin, Nadine	AEAH CVAD	P	Ruderman, Richard	PSCI CLASS	P			
Ayre, Brian	BIOL COS	A	Kawamura, Kiko	MATH COS	A	Ruggero, Camilo	PSYC CLASS	P			
Baker, Rose	LTEC COI	P	Krahmer, Ana	LIBR	P	Sexton, Michael	MGMT COB	P			
Biglaiser, Glen	PSCI CLASS	P	Lane, Jennifer	MUVS MUSIC	A	Shahrokhi, Farhad	CSE CENG	L			
Boesch, Miriam	EPSY COE	L	Lin, Lin	LTEC COI	A	Stockdale, Nancy	HIST CLASS	P			
Broberg, Kirsten	MUCS MUSIC	A	Long, Chris	TEA COE	P	Stromberg, Linda	TEA COE	P	TEMPORARY SENATORS		
Broyles, Sheri	JOUR CLASS	P	Martin, James M.	MRTS CLASS	P	Subramaniam, Karthigeyan	TEA COE	A	Blackstone, Bethany (Hensel)	PSCI CLASS	A
Burns, Doug	LIBR	A	McAfee, Jason	CHEM COS	P	Tooch, Mario	DANC CLASS	P			
Catalano, Denise	RHAB CHPS	P	Mehta, Smita	EPSY COE	P	Wang, Xuexia	CSE CENG	P			
Chamberlin, Adam	THEA CLASS	P	Moreland, Kimberly	ENGL CLASS	P	Warren, Scott	LTEC COI	P			
Chang, Mei	TEA COE	A	Morton, Sophie	WLLC CLASS	P	Watson, Cindy	TNT COS	P			
Dubin, Elliot	HTM CMHT	P	Mukherjee, Dhruvodi	SOWK CHPS	P	Wickstrom, Carol	TEA COE	P			
Filosofova, Tatiana	WLLC CLASS	P	O'Donnell, Joe	HTM CMHT	P	Yanowski, Kevin	LIBR	P			
Fu, Song	CSE CENG	P	Olness, Gloria	ASPL CHPS	P	Yeatts, Dale	SOC CLASS	P			
Gaffney, Nolan	MGMT COB	P	Olschofka, Felix	MUIS MUSIC	P						
Hensel, Paul	PSCI CLASS	L	Perez, Jose	PHYS COS	A				NON-VOTING SENATORS		
Hughes, Lee	BIOL COS	P	Peters, John	ENGL CLASS	P				Bradberry, Stephon	SGA	P
Hutchison, Paul	ACCT COB	P	Philbrick, Jodi	IS COI	P				Greenidge, Giselle	GSA	P
									NON-VOTING SUBSTITUTES (write in name and person subbing for)		

GUESTS: Stacey Wolf (Libraries), Terri Day (Academic Administration), Kelly Donahue-Wallace (Chairs Council); Ashley Olsberg (Classroom Support), V. Barbara Bush (Executive Committee), Jeff Britain (HTM)

I.	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order – 2:02pm • Welcome newly elected senators • Thanks and congratulations to Senator Eliot Dubin
II.	Approval of Minutes (November 14, 2018) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve the minutes as distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senator Hutcheson moved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senator McAfee seconded ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – majority ▪ Abstain – 2
III.	Faculty Discussion (President Neal Smatresk / Provost Jennifer Cowley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provost Jennifer Cowley read her letter to Santa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If we all work hard, we can make the wishes come true • CLEAR update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patrick Pluscht is Executive Director of the technology side ○ We just hired (look for announcement soon) an Executive Director from the faculty to head up the Academic Affairs side ○ We want consistent quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We are working on minimum standards ▪ We are reviewing old classes and bringing them up to speed • Dean searches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All are going well ○ We hired Hanchen Huang from Northeastern University to be the College of Engineering Dean • Vice President for Research and Innovation search <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President Neal Smatresk has not found any of the current candidates acceptable ○ It has been a hard search ○ The President currently has a few calls out to colleagues who would be great hires if they are willing to come to UNT ○ The search will continue in a more informal way right now and we will see how it goes • The President and the Provost will be at graduations this weekend • Come out and watch our great basketball teams over the break • Regents meeting update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Regents were pretty quiet at this meeting ○ At another meeting, Chancellor Lesa Rowe asked why they were quiet and they said it was because they are happy ○ We passed our fee changes and tuition impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Including the new Save and Soar plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to breaks in tuition, this also comes with summer housing assistance • If students take full advantage, they could be out in 3 years ○ They also gave a research presentation to the Regents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The President is nervous about research productivity ▪ This year we were at an all-time high (\$37 million) ▪ \$100 million is the target amount ▪ The President would like to see it closer to \$50 million • We are working on a fresh vision for strategic planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be a kickoff event and all the senators are invited ○ We are having Carnegie Dartlet come back to us and talk about their results of the brand audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They came up with some words ▪ The President thinks we will like these words and the words

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> about these words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We will learn how they came up with all of this information at their presentation ▪ The UNT System paid for this study and we have gotten a lot out of it • Use of UNT Facilities by UNT Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To some extent this was much ado about nothing, but there was some truth to it ○ There is a marksman club on campus, most campuses have one ○ The club was organized, had all the appropriate approvals, and a faculty sponsor ○ We have no reason to interfere with free speech unless it turns into actionable speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bringing people on to campus fall into this free speech ○ Now, the group has disavowed this person and the faculty advisor has resigned ○ Also, please know that when things like this happen, UNT is not quiet. ○ We work to protect UNT and President Smatresk is very happy with the work the campus and the UNT Police did • Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is leveling out for the Spring, but we would still like to see it increase by a percent or two ○ Masters enrollment is growing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is due to faculty help ▪ We are up over 100 student from this time last year ○ Winter Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7% of our students have enrolled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is more than anyone in Texas (2-3% is typical) ▪ Students appear enthusiastic ▪ Demand has exceeded expectations ▪ We need to offer more upper level courses • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The person involved with the UNT Student group in question has an LLC under the same name as the group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President Smatresk has not heard anything about this and does not want to indulge in conjecture ▪ UNT has done everything it legally can at this time ○ What was lacking in the VPRI candidates? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None had the collaborative chops to pull us together ▪ They were not a good fit for where we are now and where we are going in the future ▪ They had not demonstrated the necessary prowess at their current institutions ▪ There was no reason to initially think they might not be good, but once interviewed, they did not shine ▪ President Smatresk has a great cabinet and does not want to risk losing this ○ Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hickory Street and Ave. C <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is mostly a city project ▪ Library beautification project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain greatly delayed work ▪ Fouts field demolition, Frisco renovation, Soccer construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All coming along well ▪ UNT has less deferred maintenance (patching instead of fixing) than any other campus President Smatresk has worked at ○ Are we being affected by VA reimbursements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not sure ▪ People typically use Hazelwood act first and keep other
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		<p style="text-align: center;">benefits for later</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Holidays and have a great New Year
IV.	Policy Updates (Terri Day / Adam Chamberlin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Policy Oversight Committee has the Faculty Grievance Policy and will review it and get it back to the EC in the New Year.
V.	Classroom revitalization plan update (Ashley Olsberg)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most upgrades will take place over winter break • We try to find time when upgrades will be least inconvenient • Good deployments start with good planning and this is what we try to bring to classrooms • Over winter break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All classrooms will get new Dell Precision 3420s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is to help support the more software (instead of hardware) based needs • During Spring 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More furniture upgrades ○ It is active design furniture ○ They will have separate chairs and work spaces ○ The workspaces will be tall enough for wheelchairs ○ What will get furniture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 rooms in Wooten Hall ▪ Auditorium Building ▪ Matthews Hall • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is HDMI support on the front panel coming? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not over the winter break, but it is on the docket ○ What about Apple Airplay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ While this has been on a few computers, it was not ever designed to be an enterprise system and we have ran into trouble ▪ Therefore, Apple Airplay specifically might not be coming, but a collaborative solution will be ○ How about the discovery park classrooms? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Windows 10 is coming
VI.	Employee tuition and fee payment plan (Jeane Olson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning Fall 2019, we will start charging a \$25 late fee to late payments • We will send out reminders so hopefully late payments don't happen in the first place • We will work with anyone who had financial difficulty
VII.	Committee on Committees Update (Jodi Philbrick) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make sure that all committees submit their reports by January 20 to the EC and FS office • We are filling vacancies and doing well • Any nominations from the floor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None • Motion to approve Standing committee nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From Committee ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you are on a committee that has not met, what will that report look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have templates, include as much information as you can ▪ If you are going to nominate someone, please ask them and talk with them first ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – unanimous • Motion to approve the Administrative committee nominations

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From Committee ○ Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – unanimous
VIII.	Other Standing Committee Updates [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UUCS Report/Minutes (Jaymee Haefner / Julie Leventhal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to approve the minutes as distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From Committee ▪ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None ▪ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For - unanimous • Graduate Council Minutes (Denise Catalano) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Music Education is discontinuing use of the GRE. Is this common and are we watering down our standards? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not so much watering down, just using different standards • Across the nation tests are being used less and less • The GRE is not a good predictor of success in every case • People are looking at the overall graduate admission process and changing things that no longer work from the past ▪ Will the option to do a course work only masters be faded out? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, there has to be a measured outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What it is will be up to the department ○ Motion to approve the minutes as distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From committee ▪ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None ▪ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For – unanimous
XI.	Confirmation of Executive Committee Actions (Denise Catalano) [vote]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed a motion related to posting of Graduate Syllabi and SPOT Scores <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>“The Executive Committee recommends continuing the UNT practice of publicly posting only that information which is required by law”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This should not be the end of this conversation ▪ For accreditation purposes, Graduate Syllabi and SPOT Scores could be helpful ▪ Perhaps they could be collected online and not made public ▪ Please talk to your constituents and see how they feel ▪ Remember, your posted syllabus can be different from your class syllabus ▪ From Provost Cowley: This is absolutely a faculty decision, but remember to think about your students and what might be gained from sharing this information
X.	Elections Committee update (Srinivasan Srivilliputhur)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All senate seats are full • We will have some upcoming vacancies, most of who are up for re-election • There will also be Graduate Council vacancies • Think about who might be a good replacement and who you might want to run

XI.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking and Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senator Yanowski is currently the representative on the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please bring/email him any topics or questions you may have and want brought forward ○ Currently there is a proposal to increase parking rates and the citation structure for FY20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The citation structure would change to a tiered fine system ○ Questions/Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are handicap spots in certain lots tied to the type of permit in that lot? ▪ Will raising parking and citation rates affect retention as more people might not be able to pay and subsequently can't go to class? ○ Valet parking service starting in the spring
XII.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
XIII.	Comments for the Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication processes between Senators and Voting Group members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After each senate meeting the Officers could decide on key points and send it out to all faculty? ○ We want to make sure we are communicating with faculty and they communicate with you ○ We want to ensure that faculty know of discussions happening here ○ For the time being, we will create a list of point, send it to the senators only and see what they think. ○ We will discuss at the next senate meeting • Faculty Senate awards announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submission deadlines are approaching and will be in the spring
XIV.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senator Kalin moved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senator Chamberlin seconded ○ Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None ○ Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For – unanimous (3:48pm)