

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 3, 2012

Toni Sol, Faculty Senate Chair
Tom Ingram, Past Chair
Joe Kongevick, Secretary
Douglas Klahr, Parliamentarian
Cheryl Anderson—Nursing
Rebecca Bichel---Library
Miriam Byrd--Philosophy & Humanities
Thomas Chrzanowski—Biology
Mark Cichock--Political Science
Norman Cobb – Social Work
Stephanie Cole -- History
Reni Courtney--Nursing
Jennifer Fox--Student Congress
Frank Luanne--English
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Brian Horton -- Communication

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Seiji Ikeda--Art
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Sungyong Jung--EE
Cindy Kilpatrick---Ling/TESOL
Kytai Nguyen---BE
Barbara Raudonis---Nursing
Stefan Romanoschi---CE
Jodi Tommerdahl – C&I
Mike Ward---Economics
Lewis Wasserman—Educ. Leadership
Matthew Wright--CSE
Robert Young--Sociology Anthropology

Call to Order

Chair Sol

Remarks by the President

Deferred to Provost

Remarks by the Provost

I just want to thank everyone across campus Information Security office and UT Arlington is now reporting compliance with encrypting laptops at a rate of 98%. President Spaniolo added we are expecting from UT System is to encrypt desktops and mobile devices as well, no directive as of yet. The president discussed the current state of Texas's funding of Higher Education.

Q: Wasserman, ELPS: In the Dallas Morning News, there was an article about the type of state assistance to the university related to graduation rates. Have you had discussions with the legislature or whomever about this?

A: President: The Coordinating Board is going to recommend/propose that ten percent of our funding be based on outcome measures. It is a combination of things, none of this is fixed in stone this will be a subject of discussion in the legislative session.

Q: Toni: I have questions that were sent to me via email: The new access system that we have is it effective, is it working and doing what it is supposed to do?

A: Provost: The answer to that question is a resounding yes. We have had a very significant improvement in our classroom utilizations this fall based on the Coordinating Board's score card, very significant.

Q: Toni: Does the university have an IT/Security committee? I know we have a security office and officers do we have a committee that oversees all that?

A: Provost: There was an ad hoc committee and it was there for advisory purposes. We have a new information security officer who has just joined our institution so I think these are good suggestions that this individual could put in place, especially as we move forward with desktop encryption.

Q: Horton, COMM: If you double major do you get penalized or get charged out-of-state tuition?

A: Provost: What you are referring to refers, more on caps, on number of hours students can take before an institution has the authority to charge out of state tuition. At the graduate level 99 hour rule at the undergraduate level is around 150. It is really all about if a student wants to double major, and start taking more and more credit hours than is required for his degree and institutions have the authority to charge out of state tuition but we at UT Arlington have never done that and unless we are forced to do it right now our students do not.

President and Provost exit the meeting.

Quorum Call

Approval of the Minutes for September 5, 2012

Chair Sol: Welcomes the new dean of the library, Rebecca Bichel

Reports

Sol: None of the committees have met as of yet.

Ingram: Report on Faculty Advisory Council (FAC)

Most of you realize that Toni and I, Dan in the past, attend the UT System (FAC) in Austin. It is all UT System Faculty Senates, Dan was president of that group and I am on the executive committee. At our last meeting the conflict of interest is still flying, we are working on the wording, short version of the deal is UT System and evidently the OGC basically want us and the medical schools to fill all the same paperwork, so we have been fighting it. Dan was on a UT System task force that helped to devise a reasonable policy for medical and academics that was shelved. Another major issue that we heard from The Higher Education Coordinating Board, they are looking at doubling the minimal number of graduates in a 5 year period for undergraduate as well as graduate programs, they say this is likely.

Sol: There is some good news about this, the president and provost are against it and are pushing back hard, we spoke at the President's Advisory Board meeting about it and they are definitely against it.

Dan: You need to understand that the Coordinating Board is serious. They have already shut down undergraduate programs and masters programs in Physics in at least three universities in this state. When the Coordinating Board meets can't sit on their hands and not say anything, there are open/public comment periods when the Coordinating Board does things and I think it is important that they hear from people, not just the presidents and provosts they need to hear from faculty as well. One thing we don't do well is respond to these things. It is important, we pushed back over the summer and they tabled it there was about a weeks' notice between the time it became public about doubling those numbers and the time that they met. It was significant enough push back that forced them to table both of those propositions. They were not happy about that. I think whatever push back we can get from whoever I think we need more help from faculty.

A discussion ensued.

Old Business

Encryption:

Our Provost was pretty clear in stating that human subject research, student information, and non-disclosure situations has to be treated very carefully, I just wanted to let you know, I thought he was going to address that today but he didn't.

Faculty Satisfaction Survey Q&A and Presentation:

Jean Hood is arranging for the consultant to come speak with us and also answer questions. We might have to have a special session depending on the person's schedule.

Classroom Booking:

I sent a report to the Provost on the classroom bookings and I want to thank everyone who sent me their problems.

New Business

Transformational Learning:

Steven Mintz is head of a transformational learning committee from the regents and he has 50 million dollars to distribute on transformational learning. He is coming February 6 to our February meeting. He is also visiting our campus on October 18 and 19 speaking with the upper administration, Pete Smith and Systems Learning. So have projects ready to go when he comes because as long as he is going to give out the money we might as well have it.

Dual Career Assistance Pilot Program:

The dual career assistance pilot program policy is on the Provost website, the Deans have known about this and it would not take away from the departments future hire.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.