



Faculty Senate Minutes

April 26, 2017

Senate Leadership in Attendance

Dan Cavanagh, Chair
Ray Elliott, Parliamentarian
Theresa Jorgensen, Secretary
David Coursey, Chair Elect
Tom Ingram, FAC

Senators and Student Representatives in Attendance

John Adams	Finance and Real Estate	Tom Hall	Accounting
Amanda Alexander	Art/Art History	Heather Jacobson	Sociology & Anthropology
Siamak Ardekani	Civil Engineering	Seokjin Jeong	Criminology & Crim. Just.
Ivonne Audirac	CAPPA	Susanna Khavul	Management
Bill Carroll	CSE	Paul Krawietz	Kinesiology
George Chave	Music	Don Liles	Ind. Manu. & Syst. Eng.
Kay-Yut Chen	INSY/OPMA	Chris Morris	History
Thomas Chrzanowski	Biology	Mohan Pant	Curriculum + Inst.
Norman Cobb	Social Work	Yuan Peng	Psychology
Bill Crowder	Economics	Alejandro Rodriguez	PAD
D. Stefan Dancila	Mechanical Engineering	Joseph Sabbagh	Linguistics/TESOL
Kathy Daniel	Nursing	Mary Schira	Nursing
Digant Dave	BE	DJ Seo	Civil Engineering
Kaushik De	Physics	Daniel Sledge	Political Science
Venkat Devarajan	Electrical Engineering	Maria Trache	ELPS
Jackie Fay	English	Martha Walvoord	Music
George Gintole	Architecture	Zhiyong Yang	Marketing
Katie Gosa	Student Congress Pres.		

Guests in attendance:

Jeff Nyland, Acting Chief Information Officer
Toni Sol, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Press:

Sorayah Zahir - Shorthorn reporter
Alexis Austin – Shorthorn photographer

1. Call to Order 2:37 pm
2. Welcome
3. Identification of press members and visitors
4. President Karbhari was not present
5. Tenure and Promotion update (Sol)
 - 2016-17 Promotion and Tenure results
 - 32 total candidates in T&P process
 - 16 candidates for T&P (14 successful), 3 candidates for tenure only (all successful), 13 candidates to full (10 successful)
 - 27 out of 32 successful overall
 - Senator: How many were consistent with university committee recommendation?
Sol: I can't tell you that. There were many mixed votes at all levels.
 - Senator: Can you speak to how the university committee functioned?
Sol: It went very well. They found it to be a rewarding committee to serve on. Lots of discussion. They weighed things. They didn't necessarily agree with the votes below them. Process was quicker than expected. The reason why the decision is so late is that the provost originally allotted too much time for the decision to be made, and then things got backed up because other things got scheduled and pushed back the process.
Chair: We were all surprised by how little time it took for the university committee.
 - Senator: This is the second year the process has taken too much time for the decisions. Makes the final decision have a negative taste.
Sol: It should go smoother next year. President is meeting with committee next week to debrief on process.
 - Chair: I brought up the lateness of the notifications to the president.
Sol: This was not on the president. It was on the provost. He thought deliberations would take longer, so he booked himself for other things in the interim.
6. Questions and Conversation with Jeff Nyland
 - Information Technology Review presentation. Provided visuals of how foundation building, current projects, and proposed projects fit within the IT offerings that they provide to the institution. They aim to be university support, not just administrative support.
 - IT has implemented governance process. Involves every organization around campus. Setting the future for IT services for the institution. Members have been very active. There is representation from Faculty Senate on each of the committees.
 - Survey came out by email today related to technologies used for teaching. Please complete so we can get inventory of all the technologies.
 - Discussion with senators included issues of Scholarship system, common data dictionary for UTA organization, availability of Lynda.com for students, need for

internet boosters in some buildings (University Hall in particular), departmental websites, getting IT help during evening class hours.

7. Quorum Call
8. Minutes from March meeting were approved by acclamation
9. Elections for Secretary and Parliamentarian
 - Jorgensen elected Secretary (unopposed)
 - Ray Elliot elected Parliamentarian (unopposed)
10. Reports
 - a) Chair report (Cavanagh)
 - Please double check your terms. I will forward what I have in a spreadsheet to the entire section. You can only hold three consecutive terms. Make sure your department does their elections.
 - It has been an honor to work with you all these past two years. Thank you for all your support and intelligent discussion. Thank you for backing me, especially with regard what we did 18 months ago. The university T&P committee made a big difference.
 - Chair Elect Coursey presented gavel to Dan
 - May 19 UT System Shared Governance Campus visit. There will be a chance for the Senate to come and have a chance to talk with vice chancellor Cuculo.
 - Recognize Tom Ingram who has served on the UT System FAC for years. This has been a great service to the university.
 - Health affairs committee is doing a nationwide conference on physician burnout late September at MD Anderson. There is talk of this going into the nurse practitioner side. How do we integrate our academic campuses with nursing program into this initiative?
 - Dual credit initiative. Now there is a statewide initiative between System, A&M system, THECB, community college system. Investigating quality of dual credit system.
 - Work group on online education. Surveying System as a whole, then will go from there. Coursey is on that.
 - Work load task force, being presented at Regents meeting in two weeks. The idea is that it will be much easier for campuses to be more flexible with how they report workload. They will be more locally defined. We are one of the campuses that will benefit by this rule change.
 - Coursey: Language will still stay minimum 18 SCH, but campuses will be able to decide how to substitute for those.
 - System – academic affairs committee is looking at NTT faculty and what their roles should be in the system. This dovetails with work we have been doing. Title changes went through Regents. Representation is an ongoing issue of discussion. Career ladders, inviting their input.

- b) TCOFS no report
- c) Committee Reports
 - i. Academic Freedom and Tenure (Walvoord)
 - o Updated language was sent out. Thank you for the emails that helped capture the spirit of the discussion in our last meeting and also made the language better.
 - o Page 10. Redacted letters will be made available to candidate after they submit dossier, but before department or college report is finalized. Also added language about candidates being able to withdraw submission if they are only going up for promotion.
 - o Chair: I have been briefing the president on this as we move through this process. President would not approve sharing letters before the dossier submission. Do I have permission to tweak this language in small negotiations with president to ensure this gets passed into the HOP this spring. Any objections to that?
 - o Senator: In the current template on the Provost's website, it requests information below the signature line. This is the template that ACTP chairs are sending out. According to the HOP, we don't have to use this template.
 - o Discussion about how to handle information provided in letters above and below signature line.
 - o Motion (Peng) to accept the amendments to language from committee. Second (Morris). Motion passes.
 - ii. Budget Liaison Committee
 - o Chair: Budget involvement proposal. President might not be interested in committee at university level. He is concerned about consistency. It seems to him it could be more effective implementing this at the college level in the actual creation of the budgets (faculty involvement in budget process at college level.)
 - o Vigorous discussion about where faculty input should be in the budgeting process. Department level/college level/university level

11. Adjourn 4:41

Submitted August, 2017

Theresa Jorgensen, Secretary