

APPROVED MINUTES

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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
August 19, 2009

PRESENT: Sheila Amin Gutierrez de Piñeres, Kurt Beron, John Burr, Cyrus Cantrell, R. Chandrasekaran, David Cordell, Kelly Durbin, John Hoffman, Jennifer Holmes, Shayla Holub, Karen Huxtable-Jester, Marilyn Kaplan, Robert Kieschnick, Murray Leaf, Dennis Miller, Steven Nielsen, Simeon Ntafos, Tim Redman, Young Ryu, Richard Scotch, Robert Stern, Tonja Wissinger

ABSENT: Mark Anderson, Titu Andreescu, Dinesh Bhatia, Denise Boots, Gail Breen, Gregg Dieckmann, Jay Dowling, Mustapha Ishak-Boushaki, Joe Izen, Nanda Kumar, Syam Menon, B.P.S. Murthi, Ravi Prakash, Mark Rosen, Chelliah Sriskandarajah, Lucien Thompson,

VISITORS: Andrew Blanchard, Calvin Jamison Serenity King, Diana Kao,

1. CALL TO ORDER, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

In Dr. Daniel and Dr. Wildenthal's absence, Dr. Leaf called the meeting to order. Dr. Blanchard discussed the current number of faculty members for the beginning of the school year. The number of tenure/tenure track faculty numbers 429 at this time. The number of Senior Lecturers is 138. The student count is just over 15,000 (census day has not occurred).

Dr. Blanchard also discussed the President's desire to have a good, spirited discussion regarding the agenda item pertaining to Alcohol in the Pub.

Dr. Jamison discussed that the new residence hall is opening and the new dining hall will open with the start of school.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Leaf asked for approval of the agenda with one exception that Item 12, concerning the Intellectual Property Policy, be tabled until September.

Dr. Cantrell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Redman seconded the motion. The motion carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Scotch made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting as circulated. Dr. Beron seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

4. SPEAKER'S REPORT

1. 40th year committee report. There has been a flurry of emails on the need to finalize a program for the academic and events calendars. Dr. Daniel has proposed financial support. Tim Redman has had the planning committee meet and will report today.
2. We have had three candidates for the position of Chief of Police on campus for visits. Interviews included a group of faculty from the Council and Committee on Safety and Security. Candidates were David Zacharias, recently retired chief of the Richardson police department, Mike Tacker, current Acting Chief and Assistant Chief of the UT System police, and Adam Garcia, currently Director of Police Services at the U of Nevada, Reno. There was some confusion in the notification of the time of meeting for Mr. Garcia. James Marquart, member of the search committee, associate provost, and member of our faculty in Criminology, served as moderator. I think the faculty were impressed with all the candidates. They will convey their views to Dr. Jamison individually.
3. Email ballot for SOM Concentration – The Academic Senate had 23 members approve the use of an email ballot to vote on the SOM concentration in Organizational Behavior and Coaching. The same number approved the concentration. The concentration was approved.
4. Email ballot to approve candidates for Summer 2009 graduation was authorized by the Senate last May. Out of 39 Academic Senate members 32 voted to approve, none opposed. The candidates were therefore approved.
5. Meeting with Chancellor Cigarroa August 24th, 1 pm. Most of the Council has said they will be able to attend.
6. The Liaison committee on the graduate admissions website has met on June 25 with the school deans, Dr. Wildenthal, and V. P. Ely and his team, and Dr. Leaf. The impetus for the meeting seems to have come from Austin Cunningham. The meeting was constructive. Apart from a good briefing and a very frank exchange of views on what was being done and what should and should not be done, we agreed that the liaison committee would be consulted as representing the faculty in the testing phase that was just about to begin. Cy Cantrell would serve as the point person to pull the committee together when and as needed. Since then, we have also been getting regular weekly updates from Mr. Ely. Cy can provide additional information and answer questions.

7. Also on graduate admissions, as those of you involved know, there is some additional confusion regarding “provisional admission,” which has seemingly been issued by the admissions office. We have had discussions on this. The most obvious problem was that the admissions office should not actually be admitting anybody. We have been working very hard to establish the rule that this is what the designated admissions faculty do in each program, so the prospect that we were suddenly losing this agreement was worrisome. In the event, the rule has been followed. What has happened is that PeopleSoft software requires students offered admission to accept the offer. The “provisional” admission is provisional pending this acceptance. Because some of the communication came from Richard Huckaba’s office last spring, and the implementation has come from the admissions office in the last few weeks, the connections have not been made and, indeed, have not been clear. I think it is now being sorted out.
8. Serenity King has recently circulated a notification of important changes in Coordinating Board rules for approval of new programs. They are a great improvement. Essentially preapproval is required only for engineering programs and doctoral programs. For the rest, in a nutshell what makes sense to us and system will be approved. The details are:
 1. Following Board action on July 30, preliminary authority is now required by the Coordinating Board for only engineering programs (all levels) and doctoral programs. UT Dallas’ Table of Programs (attached) details the engineering and doctoral programs for which we already have preliminary authority.
 2. Also following Board action on July 30, our new bachelor’s and master’s programs that meet the following criteria are automatically approved **by the Coordinating Board**: The program has been approved by the institution and UT System
The program complies with the [Coordinating Board’s Standards for Bachelor’s and Master’s programs](#):
 - Adequate funds are available to cover the cost of the new program
 - New costs during the first five years of the program will not exceed \$2M
 - The program is a non-engineering (CIP code 14) program

Speaker Leaf reported that the FAC will meet in October. The BOR meets today and tomorrow. The Chair of the FAC will give a report on FAC activities in general. Dr. Leaf will give a presentation on our efforts last year to get a law passed to establish a faculty regent.

We are required to record the members of the Hearing Tribunal Pool in our June minutes. Since we did not meet in June, Dr. Leaf listed them here:

1. Herve Abdi (BBS)
2. Poras Balsara (ECS)
3. James Bartlett (BBS) *
4. Farokh Bastani (ECS) *
5. Duane Buhrmester (BBS)
6. Anthony Champagne (EPPS) *
7. R. Chandrasekaran (ECS)
8. Marie Chevrier (EPPS)
9. Rockford Draper (NSM) *
10. Frank Dufour (A&H) *
11. Lloyd Dumas (EPPS)
12. David Edmunds (A&H)
13. Andras Farago (ECS)
14. Juan Gonzalez (NSM) *
15. Donald Gray (NSM)
16. Roderick Heelis (NSM) *
17. Michael Kilgard (BBS) *
18. Moon Kim (ECS) *
19. Midori Kitagawa (A&H) *
20. Jeong-Beong Lee (ECS) *
21. John Lin (SOM) *
22. David Mauer (SOM) *
23. Adrienne McLean (A&H)
24. George McMechan (N)
25. Alice O'Toole (BBS) *
26. Karen Prager (IS)
27. Stephen Rabe (A&H)
28. Suresh Radhakrishnan (SOM)
29. Ram Rao (SOM)
30. Orlando Richard (SOM) *
31. Suresh Sethi (SOM)
32. Edwin Sha (ECS) *
33. Dean Sherry (NSM)

34. Melanie Spence (BBS) *
35. Marianne Stewart (EPPS)
36. Hal Sudborough (ECS)
37. Tres Thompson (BBS) *
38. Michael Tiefelsdorf (EPPS) *
39. Theresa Towner (A&H)
40. Li Zhang (NSM) *

* Hearing Tribunal Pool Members selected by President Daniel.

5. FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Redman reported on the fortieth anniversary committee. The faculty was asked to submit topics. The committee received a robust response. Dr. Redman circulated a handout with a list of talks that will be given. The Vice President for Communications will create posters regarding the talks. The talks will begin after Labor Day and continue throughout the Fall and Spring between four p.m. and five p.m. in the evening. Tom Koch is organizing a program. The talks will take place in the McDermott Suite, light refreshments will be served. The committee would like to have students introduce the speakers. Having the talks in the afternoon allows students and staff to attend. Judi Hensley will invite the speakers.

6. ALCOHOL IN THE PUB – STUDENT GOVERNMENT’S PROPOSAL

Dr. Leaf asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. Dr. Cantrell made the motion to approve the recommendation. Dr. Scotch seconded the motion.

The Senate discussed the Student Government’s proposal to serve alcohol in the Pub. Dr. Redman noted that there had been a discussion that this proposal has been before the Senate and various committees approximately ten years ago. Then as now, the proposal was very well researched and well reasoned by the students making it. All other concerned bodies were supportive, but in the end President Jennifer elected not to go ahead. Then, however, Richardson was dry. Now it is not. There was no discussion in opposition.

There being no further discussion a vote by show of hands was called for. The motion passed with 17 senators in favor of the proposal, one abstention, and one opposed.

7. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SENATE AND UNIVERSITY WIDE COMMITTEES

Dr. Leaf called for a motion to approve the appointments of faculty Senate and University Committees. Dr. Kieschnick moved to approve the committee assignments as

modified by the Academic Council. Dr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed and the committee recommendations were approved.

8. CEP – TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Dr. Cantrell discussed the proposal to revise the limits on transfer credit for graduate work. Course work would have to be B or better, it would be limited to no more than 25% of the total course requirement for a Master's degree, it would be limited to 36 hours, and no more than 15 hours taken as a non-degree student at UT Dallas could be applied to a degree at U T Dallas. Dr. Cantrell made the motion to approve the Transfer of Credit policy. Dr. Redman seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

9. HANDBOOK OF OPERATING PROCEDURES-Red Flag Identity Theft Programs

Ms. King has sent policies forward the following policies for Senate approval

New Policy: Red Flag Identity Theft Programs. This policy is mandated by UT System and is part of the UT Dallas training modules.

Dr. Scotch made the motion to approve the policy. Dr. Cantrell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. HANDBOOK OF OPERATING PROCEDURE-Payment to Human Subjects (Research)

Ms. King described the policy as having been drafted by the U T System Office of Contracts and Grants, to follow current best practices in accounting.

Dr. Redman made the motion to approve the policy. Dr. Kieschnick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. POLICY MEMORANDA REVISION-Policy on Research Units

Ms. King discussed this policy; a revision to the policy on Centers and Institutes that had not been updated since the year 2000. The Regents' Rules established a system-wide policy in 2006 and Rafael Martin has updated the UT Dallas policy accordingly. This policy supersedes the policy on Centers.

Dr. Holmes made the motion to approve the policy. Dr. Kieschnick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Blanchard asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Cantrell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Holmes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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ITEM #3

APPROVED: _____
Murray J. Leaf
Speaker of the Senate

DATE: _____