APPROVED AND CORRECTED MINUTES

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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
August 19, 2015

Present: Robert Ackerman, Naofal Al-Dhair, Frank Anderson, Karen Baynham, Elizabeth Bell, Patrick Brandt, Gail Breen, Matthew Brown, John Burz, R. Chandrasekaran, Nadine Connell, Gregg Dieckmann, Vladimir Dragovic, Eric Farrar, Todd Fechter, Lev Gelb, Jennifer Holmes, Dorthec Honhon, M. Ali Hooshyar, Mustapha Ishaq-Boukhali, Murray Leaf, Michele Lockhart, Ravi Prakash, Michael Rebello, Tim Redman, Christopher Ryan, Liz Salter, Betsy Schlobohm, Sabrina Starnaman, Tres Thompson, Michael Tiefelsdorf, Munat Torlak

Absent: Hobson Wildenthal, Inga Musselman, Kurt Beron, Dinesh Bhatia, Judd Bradbury, David Cordell, Mieczyslaw Dabkowski, Gregory Dess, Monica Evans, Bernard Ganglmair, Nicholas Gans, D.T. Huynh, Carie Lambert, Syam Menon, BPS Murthi, Ramachandran Natarajan, Simeon Ntanos, Jared Pickens, Viswanath Ramakrishna, Richard Scotch, Alejandro Zentner

Visitors: Andrew Blanchard, Richard Huckaba, Serenity King, Abby Kratz, Jennifer McDowell, Beth Tolan, Marion Underwood

1. Call to Order, Announcements and Questions
Speaker Redman called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. Interim President Wildenthal and Acting Provost Inga Musselman were in Austin for a Regents meeting. There were no announcement.

2. Approval of the Agenda
Jennifer Holmes moved to add the topic ‘Participation on Orion’ to the agenda. Todd Fletcher seconded. The motion carried. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. Approval of the May 20, 2015 Minutes
Matt Brown moved to approve the minutes as circulated. Jennifer Holmes seconded. The motion carried.

4. Approval of the May 20, 2015 Minutes
Betsy Schlobohm’s name was left off the list of attendees. Matt Brown moved to approve the minutes, amended to include Betsy Schlobohm’s name. Jennifer Holmes seconded. The motion carried.

5. Speaker’s Report – Tim Redman
   1. Speaker Redman expressed his appreciation to David Cordell, Murray Leaf and Richard Scotch for all of their help during his 11 weeks in Italy.
   2. Speaker Redman will suggest to Council at its next meeting to revise the Committee on Committee’s charge to include the Student Government President or his/her designee as a member.
3. Speaker Redman noted he will also suggest to Council at its next meeting to have the Wellness Committee Charge updated to specify that Staff Council appoint the Vice Chair of the committee.

4. The September Senate meeting will take place in the Davidson Auditorium immediately following the State of the University Address on September 16, 2015. This will also be the General Faculty meeting for the University.

5. Everything else was on the agenda.

6. Notation of Class Participation on Class Rosters in Orion– Jennifer McDowell and Beth Tolan

The Office of the Registrar and the Office of Financial Aid will implement a new process this fall 2015. The new process requires faculty to notate participation on the class roster in the Faculty Center in Orion.

An email from the Office of the Registrar will be sent on the first day of classes to all faculty teaching in fall 2015. The email requests faculty to log on to Galaxy/Orion, review the class roster, and rotate participation in class ideally by Census Day with completion by the 20th class day. Faculty that do not rotate participation on the class roster in Orion will continue to receive periodic reminders via email through the 20th class day. A final report of the notation of participation will be shared with the appropriate dean, the Undergraduate or Graduate Dean, and the Office of Financial Aid.

Participation includes physically attending a class session, turning in an assignment or exam, posting on a course discussion board, or communicating with a course instructor about a course-related topic. Should a faculty member need assistance determining participation, the Office of Financial Aid will provide assistance. Contact A.J. Garcia, Sr. Associate Director, X4024 or amg011700@utdallas.edu.

Further information was provided in a handout. It is included in Appendix A.

7. Student Government Liaison Report

Student Government is in the process of appointing student members to Senate and University Committees. SG is working to set up a Snap chat filter for the university. They are working to improve security when workers come to students’ doors. SG helped with new student dorm move in. SG spoke at new student, transfer, and international orientations. SG is currently working on a “Hammocking” policy for campus. This will allow student to set up hammocks on campus trees. Once completed it will be brought before Council and Senate.

8. CEP Proposals- Suresh Radhakrishnan

The Committee representative presented the following committee report

EPPS 6353: Ethics Course for EPPS is a required course for a masters methodology degree. It was already placed into the Fall 2015 catalog. CEP held an email vote. The approval vote was unanimous. CEP moved to approve.

Matt Brown moved that the course be postponed until a policy could be developed. During the following discussion it was noted that the concern was not with the course itself, but with how other schools are creating very similar courses in their schools. There was no second. A vote to approve the course was called. The motioned carried with 3 opposed votes.

9. SACS Recommendations- Serenity King
Serenity King gave the Senate an update regarding the university's accreditation with regional accrediting agency, SACSCOC. The university has been in a monitoring period, which began in 2013 due to a student complaint. The university has been cleared on all of the principles relating to the original inquiry except Principle 3.3.1.1, institutional effectiveness of educational programs, otherwise known as "the academic assessment principle." The University is required to submit a Third Monitoring Report to SACSCOC in early October. This necessitates that the assessment reports and plans, which faculty are typically not required to submit to the Assessment Office until late October be submitted instead by September 4th. Serenity expressed that there could be dire consequences should the university not be found in compliance based on this Third Monitoring Report. It is therefore vital that the assessment materials be submitted on time and correctly.

10. Follow Up on 60X30TX Strategic Plan – Serenity King
In the spring a draft was distributed for comment. The document that was distributed prior to the meeting for review is the finalized document, and will be implemented. The portion that was highlighted of import to faculty was the ' Marketable Skills Requirement'. Each certificate, undergraduate, and graduate program must have a listing of their 'Marketable Skills'. Dr. Leaf is working with his counterparts in Faculty Senates across the state to see if they can draft an alternative. Serenity King further recommended that faculty survey their students on what they think the marketable skill actually would be within their respective programs.

11. April Caucus Meeting Minutes
Betsy Schlobohm moved to approve the April caucus minutes. R. Chandrasekaran seconded. The motion carried.
Speaker Redman submitted a list of suggestions on what the Senate should focus on for the coming year.
1) The review of salary compression and inversion must be revived. Richard Scotch has taken on this concern. A report could be ready for the December or January meeting.
2) The Committee on Diversity and Equity, and Calvin Jamison's office will be have been asked to address the family and child issues on campus.
3) There continues to be intellectual property concerns. The concerns will be directed to the Intellectual Property committee, and Vice Speaker Leaf will continue to work at the UT System level.
4) Space issues continues to be a serious concern. The Senate cannot directly affect this concern but is open to recommendations.
5) To address the concerns of Matt Brown and other, the topic of increasing cross school curriculum cooperation has been directed to the Committee on Educational Policy.
6) The possibility of credit unions, similar to those at UT Austin will be turned over to Calvin Jamison and Terry Paneratz offices for a feasibility study.
7) The Committee on School and Departmental procedures will review the individual school acceptance requirements. It will also be reviewed by the Academic Council.
8) The University Safety and Security Council was charged with reviewing the current campus safety and security.
9) Vice Speaker Leaf will also be working on a policy that any faculty on Dean search committees should come from the senate members.
10) The concern of Non-Tenure Track contract issues is progressing but it is not at 100% yet. However hard work from the 3+3+3 committee has achieved a start.

12. Updates to Committee Charges
Liz Salter moved to approve the amendments to the Committee on Effective Teaching Charge. Betsy Schlobohm seconced. The motion carried.
Matt Brown moved to approve the amendments to the Committee on Learning Management Systems. Betsy Schlobohm seconded. The motion carried.
Murray Leaf moved to approve the amendments to the Committee on Qualifications of Academic Personnel. Mustapha Ishak Boughaki seconded. The motion carried.
Liz Salter moved to approve the amendments to the Committee on Student Scholarships. Betsy Schlobohm seconded. The motion carried.

13. Committee on Committee Appointments
The appointment of Tony Champagne to the University Research Integrity Committee was amended to Todd Sandler. The appointment of Dean Bert Moore as chair and Poras Balsara as vice chair of the University Committee on School and Departmental procedures was amended to reflect Dean Moore as vice chair and Dr. Balsara as chair. Greg Dess moved to approve the amended appointments. Liz Salter seconded. The motion carried.

14. Adjournment
There being no further business, Greg Dess moved adjourn the meeting. Matt Brown seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM.

APPROVED: [Signature]
Tim Redman
Speaker of the Faculty

DATE: 10.27.16