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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

PRESENT: David Daniel, Hobson Wildenthal, Robert Ackerman, Shawn Alborz, Peter Assmann, Poras Balsara, John Barden, Dinesh Bhatia, Gail Breen, John Burr, R. Chandrasekaran, David Cordell, Gregg Dieckmann, John Ferguson, John Geissman, Lev Gelb, Tobias Hagge, Jennifer Holmes, Mustapha Ishak-Boushaki, Kamran Kiasaleh, Murray Leaf, Jessica Murphy, Ramachandran Natarajan, Nicole Leeper Piquero, Ravi Prakash, Monica Rankin, Michael Rebello, Tim Redman, Liz Salter, Richard Scotch, Tres Thompson,

ABSENT: Robert Ackerman, Kurt Beron, Cy Cantrell, Warren Goux, Umit Gurun, D. T. Huynh, Joe Izen, Sumit Majumdar, Syam Menon, Dennis Miller, B.P.S. Murthi, Simeon Ntanos, Robert Taylor, Zhenyu Xuan, Kang Zhang

VISITORS: Calvin Jamison, Marilyn Kaplan, Abby Kratz, Chris Parr, Rochelle Peña, Sheila Pineres, John McCaskill, Raj Dwivedi

1. CALL TO ORDER, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS
President Daniel called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the meeting began with him giving the faculty a standing ovation. He said that he had some great statistics to report, one of which was that the freshman to sophomore retention ratio increased last year. (Increased from 84% to 85%) The most remarkable statistic is our four-year graduation rate. One year ago for the 2007 cohort we were at 45% for our four-year graduation rate. For the year just completed we are at 51% for our four-year graduation rate for the 2008 cohort. He expressed his appreciation for the faculty and all the academic staff for their work.

Dr. Daniel reported that our enrollment is at 19,850. Our final research numbers will be around $98 million or $99 million. We have crossed the $45 million mark in restricted research, which is one of the key requirements to qualify for the National Research University Fund. When we do qualify for this it will bring approximately $7 million to the University.

He stated that he was extremely pleased with the Provost’s office and the work done by our faculty and Deans in expanding our tenure/tenure-track faculty numbers. We are up 39 net new faculty this year.

Dr. Daniel was asked why a five-year graduation rate is not used since many majors require more than four years to complete. He replied that the federal government collects and reports four-year, five-year and six-year data, and a lot of attention is paid to the six-year rate. He further explained that the graduate rate is based on the number of first-time freshmen who come to this institution and graduate from this institution. Another number the state tracks is the number of freshmen who come here and graduate from some university in Texas.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
   Speaker Leaf asked to change the agenda to move the discussion on the charge for the University Information Security Advisory Committee following the Student Government Liaison Report. The agenda originally had this item earlier in the meeting to accommodate Leah Teutsch, but she is unable to attend today’s meeting. Greg Dess moved to approve the agenda as amended. Richard Scotch seconded. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   Greg Dess moved to approve the minutes as circulated. Richard Scotch seconded. The minutes were approved as circulated.

4. **SPEAKER’S REPORT – MURRAY LEAF**
   School bylaws guidelines. The Academic Council set up a working group to fill out details of the revised guidelines for school bylaws. We brought the list of changes to make back to the Academic Council for evaluation in the October 3. The Council approved the list. We will now incorporate the changes in the present guideline as amendments, and involve the Deans in the discussion. It should come to the Senate either in the next meeting or the one after.

   Professor Redman is working on CQ bylaws to incorporate wording to make clear that chaired professors are professors with chairs, meaning that they have the same obligations as other full professors except as may be required as conditions of the holding the chair.

   Dr. Cantrell and Dr. Prakash are working on the problem of providing security arrangements for encryption keys that are under faculty control.

   Other matters that have been under discussion are on the agenda.

**FAC REPORT – MURRAY LEAF**

1. On August I addressed the Regents as incoming Chair of the Faculty Advisory Council. My purpose was to lay out the major priorities that FAC will deal with over the next year. There were two major themes: utilizing the capabilities provided by the Chancellor’s Dashboard for getting a more public grip on describing faculty performance and working with the System administration to clarify the role and function of the base level of academic administration. This is the position of department chair or its equivalent, which in our case is mainly the position of dean.

   With respect to measuring productivity, the problem the FAC has had for many years has been that one or another external authority proposes superficial measures, and we respond by saying that they are superficial. But we cannot demonstrate it, because we don’t have anything better. Now we do. The measures I discussed were the four-year graduation rate as a measure of institutional effectiveness, credit hours generated as a measure of teaching productivity, and research funding as a measure of research productivity. In each case, the dashboard information will allow us to place these measures in a more realistic context at many different levels, and also to provide comparable information both within UT institutions and between UT institutions and others. The effect will be not to supplant the need for faculty peer review, but
to explain it and provide a firmer factual basis for discussion both among faculty in different areas and between faculty and non-faculty.

With respect to administrative transparently, the System administration is concerned with filling out the expectations and strengthening training, transparency, and accountability. The FAC has also had a long-standing interest in all these aspects, and also is very concerned that all of this also providing a clearer role for faculty bodies at this level of organization, hence strengthening governance and faculty responsibility at all levels on the campus, not just the apex level.

The remarks appeared to be well received.

2. The full Faculty Advisory Council will meet in Austin on the 20th and 21st, tomorrow and Friday. The agenda will include considerations of the conflict of interest template, encryption issues, the Conflict of Commitment draft template that has recently been circulated, and follow up on the FAC's suggestion to change its name to the UT System Faculty Senate. To address conceptual issues underlying both encryption and the conflict policies, we will propose a working group or system task force to develop more precise and useful definitions of key terms in these issues and policies that are at the moment creating a good deal of trouble, including "data," "research data," "university owned information," and "research."

5. STUDENT GOVERNMENT LIAISON REPORT
Raj Dwivedi, Student Government President, reported that he and the Student Government Vice President, Nate Fairbank, recently attended the UT System Student Advisory Council meeting in Austin. One issue that was discussed was the concealed handgun bill. All the school representatives agreed that they will ask the state legislature to allow individual schools to determine their own policy on concealed handguns.

All of the vacancies in the Student Senate have been filled.

About 200 people participated in the last textbook swap.

6. CHARGE FOR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
This charge was drafted by Dr. Leaf and has been reviewed by Dr. Blanchard, CIO. Speaker Leaf noted that there may be a problem getting the UT System Office of General Counsel to approve the charge but he would like to submit it for their approval. R. Chandrasekaran moved to approve the charge. Jessica Murphy seconded. The motion carried. The next step will be to appoint the committee.

7. CEP PROPOSALS
In Cy Cantrell's absence, Speaker Leaf asked if anyone else in the Senate was prepared to present the information. Marilyn Kaplan and Sheila Pineres volunteered to address the proposals.

MEDICAL WITHDRAWAL READMISSION POLICY:
Sheila Pineres said that the University has a non-academic withdrawal policy for students who withdraw at any point during the semester for non-academic reasons such as military service, illness, work-related issues, etc. One that has presented particular problems is withdrawal for
medical reasons. This change adds one component to the policy—a readmission committee—so students who withdraw for medical reasons must now petition a readmission committee showing that the issue that caused the withdrawal has been addressed by a licensed medical provider. The readmission committee will be composed of the Director of the Counseling Center, the Director of the Health Center, an Assistant Dean from Undergraduate Education and the Assistant Dean of Students. Dean Pineres explained that there is a subset of students who will enroll in classes and stay past the 60th day; collect their financial aid; withdraw for medical reasons; come back the next semester, and repeat the cycle. This change will specifically address this issue.

ACTUARIAL SCIENCE MINOR
Sheila Pineres presented this information. Most minors are between 12-15 hours while this has only 9 hours. That is because there are 15 hours of preparatory courses required. Dr. Wildenthal expressed concern that some students who are majoring in math with a minor in actuarial science would be taking more than 120 hours total. This does not appear to be the case because the three courses required for the minor could be used as electives for the major.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
Marilyn Kaplan presented this information. She stated that supply chain management has been a concentration in the business administration degree for several years and the enrollment has been growing quite rapidly. There is a good job market for this degree and lots of student demand. It is a 120 hour degree program and will require no new faculty.

Dr. Chandrasekaran asked if all faculty who are listed to teach the courses have been consulted and agreed to teaching these classes. Marilyn replied that everyone has agreed. The school would like to begin offering this new degree in the spring 2013 semester.

Tim Redman moved to approve all three proposals. Greg Dess seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion carried with one nay vote.

9 DRAFT ANNUAL REVIEW POLICY
Speaker Leaf stated that this was developed closely on the model of Regent’s Rules and a template developed in the UT System Faculty Advisory Council. This essentially is making a policy of what we have been doing in practice. This was reviewed by the Academic Council, then by the Committee on Faculty Standing and Conduct. Richard Scotch moved to approve the policy. Liz Salter seconded. President Daniel expressed concern over the use of the term “agreed upon course load” on page 3. This implies that the faculty member has the right to decide how many courses they are going to teach or what the load might be. Speaker Leaf suggested changing “agreed upon” to “assigned”. President Daniel agreed and there was no objection from the Senate. There was no further discussion. The policy was approved as amended.

10. SENATE RESOLUTION ON SOFTWARE
Speaker Leaf presented the following resolution to the Senate:

It is the sense of the Senate of The University of Texas at Dallas that no software should be installed on University-owned portable computers for faculty that can be used to
remotely read, erase, or alter the contents of files (except for routine software updates on that computer) without informing the faculty member of the existence of that software. Faculty should be told of the software's capability.

Tim Redman moved to approve the resolution. Greg Dess seconded. There was no discussion. The resolution was approved.

11. **Senate/University Committee Reports**
David Cordell reported that he has received most, but not all, committee reports. He asked any committee chairs that have not turned in a report to please do so as quickly as possible. Tim Redman moved to accept all the committee reports. Greg Dess seconded. Speaker Leaf asked the Senate to pay careful attention to the report from the Committee on Effective Teaching and the report of the Faculty Mentoring Committee. The motion carried and the reports were accepted.

There being no further business, President Daniel adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: [Signature]
Murray J. Leaf
Speaker of the Academic Senate

DATE: 23 Jan 2013