APPROVED AND CORRECTED MINUTES

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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
August 20, 2014

Present: Hobson Wildenthal, Robert Ackerman, Naofal Al-Dhair, Frank Anderson, Poras Balsara, Karen Baynham, Kurt Beron, Judd Bradbury, Matthew Brown, John Burr, R. Chandrasekaran, David Cordell, Eugene Deluke, John Ferguson, Yulia Gel, Jennifer Holmes, M. Ali Hooshyar, Joe Izen, Wieslaw Krawcewicz, Carie Lambert, Murray Leaf, Vance Lewis, Dongsheng Ma, Jessica Murphy, Emire Muslu, Jared Pickens, Matthew Polze, Ravi Prakash, Viswanath Ramakrishna, Christopher Ryan, Mark Salamasick, Liz Salter, Betsy Schlobohm, Richard Scotch, Michael Tiefelsdorf, Tres Thompson, Tonia Wissinger,

Absent: David Daniel, Zalman Balanov, Adam Brackin, Gail Breen, George Decourcy, Gregg Dieckmann, Vladimir Dragovic, Andrea Fumagalli, Nicholas Gans, Lev Gelb, Mustapha Ishak-Boushaki, Michele Lockhart, Dennis Miller, Jinkyong Na, Tim Redman, Scott Rippel, Murat Torlak, Alejandro Zentner

Visitors: Serenity King, Abby Kratz, Inga Musselman, Vicki Carsile, Suresh Radhankrishnan

1. Call to Order, Announcements and Questions
Provost Wildenthal called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM. The President could not attend that day due to a Regents meeting. Speaker Tim Redman was in the hospital, therefore Vice Speaker Murray Leaf filled in. This was the first day that students were moving into the dorms, including the newly opened one. The Provost encouraged the faculty to check out the new dorm. Enrollment is up 10+%. The freshman class is up 16 %, with the graduate students up 7%. This is good for the university in that we are growing, but it is a struggle to keep up with the growth. It is a hope that at the Regents meeting that money will be allocated for buildings. Optimistically this could be a possibility for our university. The university is hopeful to hire 20-25 tenure track, and 30-35 non tenure track faculty. By the end of the year there will be a serious space crunch for office and lab space. The Provost opened the floor to questions.

The in response to a question concerning whether the new dorm was delineated into different learning communities, the Provost responded that it was not. Joe Izen asked about the feasibility of a bike path from Synergy and Renner. The Provost stated that there were no such plans. Professor Izen noted that, as there are plans for additional apartment complexes in the surrounding area, having additional bicycle paths between them and the university would be helpful.

2. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was amended to change the presenter from Nate Howe to Serenity King. Richard Scotch made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Joe Izen seconded. The motion carried.

3. **SACS Presentation – Serenity King**
   Serenity King presented on the results of two spring SACS reviews. Follow-up reports are due to SACS by April 1, 2015, to cover three areas:
   1. Documentation of program improvement in the academic assessment reports;
   2. Clarification of repeatable courses policy and procedures;
   3. Clarification of fast track policy and procedures.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   Richard Scotch moved to approve the minutes as circulated. Jennifer Holmes seconded. The motion carried.

5. **Speaker’s Report – Murray Leaf**
   1. Tim Redman is unable to attend due to hospitalization. He should be returning to his duties within a week or two. Dr. Redman considers it very important to push ahead on the Non-tenure track policy for contracts. A 3+3 has been appointed, if no Deans have been appointed, they will be appointed.
   2. The Summer Candidates for Graduates were approved via email vote.
   3. Everything else is on the agenda.

6. **FAC Report**
   FAC is making revision to the Regent’s rules on Intellectual Property. They are also attempting to meet with the new Chancellor to discuss their concerns.

7. **Texas Council of Faculty Senates**
   The Texas Council of faculty Senate will meet October 24 and 25th. The program will include panels on intellectual property and post-tenure review.

8. **Student Government Liaison Report**
   No report was given.

9. **CEP Proposals**
   A. Honors College
   The rationale made for creating an Honors College is that the university has outgrown the current program. A few years ago the honors program only had 60 students, and for fall 2014 the program had 250 students. For fall 2015 the honors program has 102 national merit scholars enrolled in the university, and they are continuing to attract more. The functionality for the students both in terms of offerings and procedures will not change. There are guidelines which define what an honors program and Honors College are, and currently our honors program is functioning in all but name as an honors college. This organization change simply makes the program a permanent fixture of the university. This will allow for better coordination between each of the different honors programs, specifically the Terry program. All of the university’s honors programs are 4 years; however the Terry
group is working on a 3 year program for transfer students. CEP moved to create the Honors College. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. BS in Healthcare Management
The proposal received approval from both Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE), the Provost, and CEP. Healthcare Management had previously been a concentration, and there is a Masters degree that is offered in Healthcare Management. The classes will be taught by current faculty. Our university will be the only school in north Texas to offer this degree. There is currently a Healthcare Studies degree in interdisciplinary studies for pre-medical degree. The proposed Healthcare Management program is distinct from that program because of its focus on management. CEP moved to accept the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management. The motion carried.

10. Amendment to UTDPP 1020-Commencement Committee.
The updates were made at the request of the chair. Jessica Murphy moves to approve. Betsy Schlobohm seconded. The motion carried.

11. Amendment to UTDPP1003- Information Resources, Planning, and Policy Committee
The only change was the wording from “Tenure track” to “Full Time”. Kurt Beron moved to approve. Jessica Murphy seconded. The motion carried.

12. Amendment to Information Security Advisory Committee
The only change was the wording from “Tenure track” to “Full Time”. Richard Scotch moved to approve. Joe Izen seconded. The motion carried.

13. Approval of April Caucus Meeting Minutes
Jennifer Holmes moved to approve the minutes. Betsy Schlobohm seconded. The motion carried.

14. Annual Report for Committee on Effective Teaching
Liz Salter moved to approve. Betsy Schlobohm seconded. The motion carried.

15. Committee on Committee Recommendations
Two spelling corrections were made to reflect ‘Niles’, not ‘Miles’ Roemer, and Carie with one ‘i’ not two. Kurt Beron moved to approve amended recommendations. Richard Scotch seconded. The motion carried.

16. Adjournment
There being no further business, Richard Scotch moved to adjourn. Joe Izen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

APPROVED: 

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Tim Redman
Speaker of the Academic Senate

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