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VISITORS: Andy Blanchard, Serenity King, Abby Kratz, Hobson Wildenthal

1. CALL TO ORDER, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Dr. Daniel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone back from the Summer break. As part of the welcome Dr. Daniel asked that everyone introduce themselves, tell what school they were from and what their expertise/specialty is. Dr. Daniel reported that the Summer semester went smoothly. Enrollment for the Fall is around 14,999 but this number will probably change some after the first couple weeks of the semester.

The beautification project is now fully funded ($30,000,000). Peter Walker and Associates have ordered 4,000 trees for the project. Improvements should start around October 2008 and finish around Fall 2009. Founders renovation should start in late November 2008 and the Student Residence Hall should be complete around May 2009. Funding for the new ATEC building is still being worked on there is a commitment of $45 million. There are rumors going around the A&H faculty that funds from this commitment are being used for other things, Dr. Daniel assured Dr. Redman that this was not the case. When the revamping of the campus starts traffic will be routed around the university via Drive A and around Armstrong Drive.

2. APPROVAL OF THE SENATE AGENDA

Dr. Redman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Dr. Salter seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Scotch made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 18th meeting as circulated and Dr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. SPEAKER’S REPORT

1. The saga of the admissions website continues. Graduate education is still not as prominent as undergraduate, and there is no sense that we are a research university. There seems to be a lack of clarity over whether the admissions director or the public relations has primary authority. I gather from Dean Cunningham that Dr. Daniel has again become involved and the matter may be resolved. (In discussion, President Daniel reaffirmed that he would follow up.)

2. There will be governance involvement in the new faculty orientation. This has lapsed in the last few years. I have prepared brochures on the governance system and on serving on committees. Marilyn has prepared one a new faculty toolkit. These will be available as handouts and are on the Senate website.

3. An administration team is rolling out a program titled: Campus Safety: Responding to Troubling, Disruptive, and Violent Behaviors - They tested it on a mixed group, Wednesday, July 23rd. The group agreed that it should be widely disseminated. While the main focus is a person on campus with firearms and intent on killing people, the basic lessons are also relevant to responses to less extreme threats—namely: don’t mess around. If there is any sort of threat or disruption, it is appropriate and even wise to call the campus police. They can take it from there.

4. In a related matter, there is presently a case with judicial affairs involving plagiarism in relation to a Master’s thesis that seems to call for a still clearer policy for involving concerned faculty. Donna Rogers agrees on the problem; we need to clarify when and how faculty should be consulted in the adjudication process, and not just when and how they will be notified of the decisions.

5. If you have been having trouble accessing links on the Senate website, this should now be repaired. If it is not repaired and you still have trouble, report it to Marilyn.

6. At the Caucus meeting last May, the Senate asked that we make available leadership training for prospective Speakers. I think we also had the sense that all members of the Council fell into this category. I have subsequently looked into the leadership programs on campus. While they might be useful, I suspect that they would appear rather rudimentary to most of those already on the Council. What I most had in mind was a program being developed by the U T System, with Regental encouragement, for training prospective Department Chairs. I have spoken to the coordinators for the program about including Governance officers, and have also brought it up for discussion on the FAC. System had planned to keep it small, but they are looking at their schedules and will respond. I will follow up. (In discussion, Dr. Nelsen indicated that a faculty group had been appointed to help develop the program content.)
7. Our policy on Periodic Performance Review requires that the Senate be notified of those faculty up for review each year. So far this year, we have received notification of nine individuals from ECS. I will list the names in my Speakers reports but not read them out. The names from ECS are:

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All other items that have come up are on the agenda.

5. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

   A. Resolution for Robert Nelsen: Dr. Leaf requested approval from the Senate to write and present Dr. Nelsen with a resolution of appreciation for all he did for UT Dallas faculty. Dr. Leaf is to write one up.

   Dr. Kieschnick moved to make this presentation to Dr. Nelsen and Dr. Scotch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

   B. Copyright Issue: Dr. Kaplan gave a brief update on this issue. UT System and UT Arlington subscribe to a license that covers 80% of the publishers that are out there to help prevent lawsuits from publishers. The membership is $150,000 for the year if UT Dallas does not subscribe then a group of copyright police could come in checking on what the faculty is posting. Dr. Daniel suggested that the Senate make a recommendation that UT Dallas subscribe to this copyright service. The Senate agreed that a copyright policy should be in place first.

   Dr. Scotch moved to refer the copyright issue to the ad hoc copyright committee and Dr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS (see Appendix A)

   Dr. Daniel suggested that General Studies be changed to Interdisciplinary Studies on all forms since the name change has been approved.

   Dr. Redman moved to approve the recommendations as amended and Dr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE GENERAL (catalog copy update) (see Appendix B)  
MA IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW STUDIES (catalog copy update) (see Appendix C)  
MA IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (catalog copy update) (see Appendix D)

Dr. Holmes moved to approve all three revisions and Dr. Amin Gutierrez de Piñeres seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. MS & Ph.D. IN BIO MEDICAL ENGINEERING (not finalized) (see Appendix E)

Dr. Blanchard indicated that the reason for the track changes and comments is because the copy is not finalized. We first need to get approval from the Coordinating Board. Then we will have to adjust our copy to articulate with that of UT Southwestern Medical and UT Arlington. Both of them already offer these degree programs and if UT Dallas becomes the third campus to offer these courses, our copy will be worded so that students will be allowed to take the needed courses for these degrees as a combined effort of all three campuses, but the degree certificate will be issued by whichever campus the student is enrolled in.

Dr. Redman moved to approve this degree program and Dr. Salter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. CERTIFICATE IN INFRARED TECHNOLOGY (program proposal) (see Appendix F)

Dr. Blanchard stated that the courses referenced in the degree program proposal are all courses offered at UT Dallas currently.

Dr. Holmes made a motion to approve the program proposal and Dr. Kieschnick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. PM-95 RESEARCH FACULTY AMENDMENT (see Appendix G)

Dr. Leaf announced the change in wording was primarily aimed at taking out our previous association of the idea of a research position with what we understood as the state requirement that such positions could not be funded out of state appropriations. Now, they can be.

Dr. Scotch made a motion to approve the amendments and Dr. Murthi seconded the motion. The motion carried.

11. TEXTBOOK TASK FORCE (see Appendix H)

Dr. Daniel is very concerned about this issue. He would like to see a push on this in hopes of bringing the cost of textbooks down for UT Dallas students. Reference to the resolution on pages 7-10 was made.

Dr. Redman made a motion to proceed with this resolution and implement it now and Dr. Ishak-Boushaki seconded the motion. The motion carried.
12. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Daniel asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. There were multiple makers and seconds. The motion carried.

APPROVED: ______________________________                     DATE: _____________

Murray J. Leaf
Speaker of the Faculty