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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
May 17, 2017

Present: Richard Benson, Hobson Wildenthal, Robert Ackerman, Karen Baynham, Elizabeth Bell, Dinesh Bhatia, Patrick Brandt, R. Chandrasekaran, Nadine Connell, David Cordell, Ovidiu Daescu, Chris Davis, Eric Farrar, William Hefley, Annelise Heinz, Kimberly Hill, Jennifer Holmes, Joe Izen, Midori Kitagawa, Murray Leaf, Simeon Ntanos, Ravi Prakash, Tim Redman, Stilyh Warren, Tonja Wissinger,


Visitors: Andrew Blanchard, Cristen Casey, Brian Dourty, Colleen Dutton, Naomi Emmet, Frank Feagans, Calvin Jamison, Serenity King, Michele Lockhart, Robert Pearson, Clint Peinhardt, Bill Pervin, Nicole Piquette, Ben Porter, Elizabeth Rugg, JW Van Der Schans, Diana Whitney,

1. Call to Order for April 2017 Academic Senate Meeting
   President Benson called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and made the following comments. Inga Musselman presided over the University graduation ceremonies. The search committee for the Vice President for Communications is proceeding well. Three finalists have been selected. Further searches will occur fall 2017. President Benson opened the floor to questions, but there were none.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Murray Leaf moved to place two agenda items, the Tobacco Free Campus Policy and approval of the University Committee on eForms charge, immediately after the Speaker’s Report, and to approve the amended agenda. Joe Izen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the April 19, 2017, Minutes
   Murray Leaf moved to approve the minutes. Bill Hefley seconded. The motion carried.

4. Speaker’s Report – Tim Redman
   All other item are on the agenda.

5. Tobacco Free Campus Policy- UTDBP3089 – Calvin Jamison
   The revisions to the university’s tobacco use policy were made to be consistent with the UT Austin policy. One exception was made to allow it for artistic use, for example, in the performance of a dramatic play. In the past nine years there have been only two exceptions. If an exception becomes
an issue, the policy will be amended accordingly. Redman requested that notification be given to audience of performances that there will be smoking. Abby Kratz requested that the edited wording be forwarded to her in time for discussion at the May 23rd, 2017 HOP meeting. Murray Leaf moved to approve the amended policy. Hefley seconded. The motion carried.

6. SACSCOC Reaffirmation Updates – Serenity King
This is the next to last update before the compliance report is submitted to SACSCOC. Over the summer her team will be working on the report. The compliance report narrative will be made public soon. Everything the various faculty reaffirmation committees have written will be reviewed and sent back if there are any concerns that need to be addressed.

The SACSCOC reaffirmation team was not able to address everything that they wanted to. For example, new titles for non-tenure system faculty were approved by the Board of Regents, but discussion on the use of these titles on this campus is still ongoing and will not be completed before the compliance report is submitted. That topic will be addressed at the site visit in March of 2018.

The University will have considerable representation at the annual SACSCOC meeting. Nine proposals were submitted for presentations to the annual meeting, and eight of them were accepted. Ms. King’s team is partnering with the Center for Teaching and Learning, and some of those presentations will be offered at the Academic Senate. It is the team’s hope to improve the communication between schools.

Ms. King indicated that she will share information on the Compliance Certification Report at the August. She then turned the floor over to Jessica Murphy to give an update on the QEP.

The campaign to identify a name for the QEP was very successful, and there were fifty submissions. The name selected is “Orbit: Keeping New Comets on Course.” The logo will include four rings representing four different populations of new students: 1) first time in college/first-year students, 2) transfer students, 3) international students, and 4) new graduate students. A pilot session has been developed for the freshmen for this fall. Once the program is ready it will be presented to the Academic Senate. The floor was opened to questions, but there were none.

7. Texas Council of Faculty Senates and UT System Faculty Advisory Council Reports- David Cordell
The study on dual credit is moving forward. It is continuing at the UT System level but is also being addressed by a committee at the statewide level that heavily involves the Texas Community Colleges Association. From Dr. Cordell’s standpoint that is not a good thing as the community colleges have a strong financial interest in dual credit programs.

The UT System Shared Governance Team that visited in April was very productive, and the University made a positive impression on the team. The team has completed all of its visits to the academic campuses, but has not finished visiting the health science campuses.

The Online Education taskforce has begun to evaluate how the system works with online education. They expect it to go quickly over the summer months.

8. Student Government Report – JW Van Der Schans –President of Student Government
Student Government (SG) has been working to improve transparency. Mr. Van Der Schans intends to make sure that student appointees to university committees participate in committee meetings.

9. CEP Proposals- Clint Peinhardt
   A. CORE Changes
      In 2014 the university started offering freshman seminar classes. The current process is burdensome to the faculty, and there are issues with assessment. In the past year a new plan has been developed that involves an interdisciplinary group challenge. It will take place during three weeks before and the three weeks after the start of classes for a total of six weeks. Completion of the project is a requirement for graduation. The Collegiate Learning Assessment + would still remain. There would also be a post-test after the core is completed. This process will be tied to the QEP and freshman seminar. There are no other UT Schools that use this type of program, but it is used by other universities across the country. Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the changes to CORE. President Benson expressed his support. The motion carried.

   B. MS in Leadership and Organizations Development
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the MS in Leadership and Organizations Development. The motion carried.

   C. Undergraduate Program changes
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the changes to the Undergraduate Courses. The motion carried.

   D. Graduate Program changes
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the changes to the Graduate Courses. The motion carried.

   E. Undergraduate Course Inventory
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the Undergraduate Course Inventory. The motion carried.

   F. Graduate Course Inventory
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the Graduate Course Inventory. The motion carried.

   G. Admissions Consideration for Applicants with 3-year Degrees
      The amendments to the catalog were made to reflect changes in recent policy. Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the Admissions Consideration for Applicants with 3-year Degrees. The motion carried.

10. Annual Consensual Relationship Training- Colleen Dutton
    Associate VP Human Resources Colleen Dutton gave a presentation to the Academic Senate on Annual Consensual Relationship Training. A copy of her PowerPoint presentation is in Appendix A.

11. New Charge: University Committee on e-Forms – Frank Feagans and Scott Simpson
Murray Leaf moved to approve the new charge for e-Forms Committee. Joe Izen seconded. The motion carried.

12. Recommended members for the E-forms ad hoc committee - Frank Feagans & Brian Dourty
The e-Forms Committee was approved to begin operation on September 1, 2017, but activity is expected to begin on June 1, 2017 in order to hasten needed changes in the system. A suggested membership was presented with Frank Feagans as chair. Joe Izen moved to approve the recommended membership. Murray Leaf seconded. The motion carried.

13. Discussion: Shadow Work Survey
Via Skype Matthew Goeckner presented a report on the Shadow Work survey. Speaker Redman He suggested that Dr. Goeckner and the e-Form Committee create a plan and present it at the August 2017 Academic Senate meeting.

14. Approval of Revised BBS School By-laws – Tim Redman
Murray Leaf moved to approve the BBS School By-laws. Bill Hefley seconded. The motion carried.

15. Hearing Tribunal Appointments – Tim Redman
Murray Leaf moved to reappoint all tribunal pool members. Robert Ackerman seconded. The motion carried. A question was raised as to why there were so few women on the tribunal pool membership. It was suggested that associate professors be considered for membership since they would be available for cases involving faculty below the full professor level. This change would make more women available for tribunal membership and would help improve the gender balance. Speaker Redman suggested that members of Academic Senate send suggested amendments to the Academic Council for the June 2017 Academic Council meeting, for potential placement on the August 2017 Academic Senate agenda.

16. Adjournment
There being no further business, President Benson adjourned the meeting at 2:29 PM.

APPROVED: [Signature]

Tim Redman
Speaker of the Faculty

DATE: 2015 Sep 2017