UNAPPROVED AND UNCORRECTED MINUTES

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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
April 19, 2017

Present: Richard Benson, Holton Wildenthal, Inga Musselman, Robert Ackerman, Naofal Al-Dhair, Poras Balsara, Karen Baynham, Elizabeth Bell, Kurt Beron, Dinesh Bhatia, Patrick Brandt, Thomas Briowski, R. Chandrasekaran, Nadine Connell, David Cordell, Chris Davis, Vladimir Dragovic, Frank Dufour, Eric Farrar, Julie Haworth, William Hefley, Annelise Heinz, Kimberly Hill, D.T. Huynh, Joel Izen, Dohyeong Kim, Midori Kitagawa, Murray Leaf, Naim Ozel, Viswanath Ramakrishna, Tim Redman, Christopher Ryan, Mohammad Saquib, Richard Scotch, Tres Thompson, Shilyh Warren, Tonja Wissinger, Alejandro Zentner

Absent: Gail Breen, Ovidiu Daescu, Gregg Dieckmann, Gopal Gupta, Jennifer Holmes, M. Ali Hooshayar, Syam Menon, Radha Mookerjee, BPS Murthi, Simeon Ntafos, Ravi Prakash, Betsy Schlbohm, Subbarayan Venkatesan, Jeremy Vickers,

Visitors: Cristen Casey, Galia Cohen, Kursal Dogan, Naomi Emmet, John P Ferraris, Serenity King, Abby Kratz, Michele Lockhart, Jessica Murphy, Akshitha Padigela, Clint Peinhart, Nicole Piquero, Marion Underwood, JW Van Der Schans

1. Call to Order for FY 2017 General Faculty Meeting
Speaker Redman called the meeting to order at 1:01PM. There was no business.

2. Adjournment for FY 2017 General Faculty Meeting
There being no further business, Speaker Redman adjourned the meeting at 1:02 PM.

3. Call to Order for April 2017 Academic Senate Meeting
President Benson called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Administration continues to watch with great interest the budget bills in the state Senate and House. The university is expecting a significant cut of approximately $10 million. President Benson did remind the Academic Senate that the university will have increased enrollment for FY18; therefore income from tuition will increase. However, the state legislature is adjusting the tuition rates, which could be worrisome. This would require the University to budget even more carefully in the future.

President Benson commented on the visit of Tony Cuolo as part of the UT System Shared Governance Committee visit to our campus. It was noted that Tony Cuolo liked what was being done on our campus in regards to shared governance. President Benson opened the floor to questions. There were no further questions.

4. Approval of the Agenda
Richard Scotch move to approve the agenda. Bill Hefley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. **Approval of the March 22, 2017, Minutes**
   Richard Scotch moved to approve the minutes. Murray Leaf seconded. The motion carried.

6. **Speaker’s Report – Tim Redman**
   1. On April 13, 2017, members of the Academic Council met with UT System representatives to discuss Shared Governance. They are visiting all 14 UT System campuses. The meeting went well.
   2. All other items are on the agenda.

7. **SACSCOC Reaffirmation Updates – Serenity King**
   Serenity King introduced herself to the new Academic Senate members, and explained what her office does for the University. UT Dallas was able to participate fully in a site visit to another university in March. This allowed our representatives to observe the hosting process and to identify site visit issues that will be helpful in our preparation. Those findings have been shared with the leadership team and the steering committee. Ms. King will share more information with the Academic Senate going forward into fall in preparation for the spring 2018 site visit.

   The December annual meeting for SACSCOC will be held in Dallas, Texas. The Provost’s office is providing funding for several attendees with priority to those who have never been to this event and would like to go. There were nine submissions for presentations at the meeting, a vast improvement over previous years. One the nine, three were from faculty. Ms. King encouraged the faculty to submit more in the future.

   The principles for accreditation are undergoing revision. They are now open for comment. Ms. King assured the Senate members that this does not affect our upcoming 2018 accreditation. The new principles are posted for faculty in anticipation of the subsequent fifth year review.

   The QEP is going through a naming contest that is open to faculty. The prize is a purple parking permit for faculty/staff, and an orange for students starting fall 2017. Ms. King encouraged the Senate members to submit ideas. The QEP marketing committee will select the winner, and should there be a tie, they will defer to Loraine O’Neil.

   The compliance certification report has been processed. This required reviewing hundreds of pages of supporting documentation. The narratives are not visible, but are being worked on. They hoped to have them visible by the end of May. They are moving along with the compliance report and it is on target.

   Ms. King has been reviewing the legislative bills. She has personally reviewed 87, and of those eight were of concern, and four of those are moving through committees with strong support. She advised school/department/program heads that she will be sending emails asking how these bills will impact their school/departments/programs. She noted that responses may need to be back to her in 30-60 minutes. She noted that it was unrealistic but it was necessary for the process.

8. **Texas Council of Faculty Senates and UT System Faculty Advisory Council Reports- David Cordell**
David Cordell summarized the April 13-14, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Advisory Council. The abbreviated minutes are in appendix A.

The April Academic Senate meeting was Ms. Padigela’s last meeting at Student Government President. Ms. Padigela noted that the campus Green Initiative would continue under the next administration as well as the use of student art work across campus, especially in the student union. Richard Scotch moved to acknowledge Akshitha Padigela and Joseph Campain for their hard work during the FY 17 terms in Student Government. Joe Izen seconded. It was approved unanimously and was accompanied with applause.

10. CEP Proposals- Clint Peinhardt
A. Name Change from BA in Art & Performance to BA in Visual & Performing Arts
   The proposed name better represents the current content and focus of the degree and its areas of concentration. The proposed name also reflects the desire of the program faculty to express more clearly the nature of the program to prospective students and other interested parties, such as potential employers or graduate school committees who are reviewing the program’s graduates for jobs and/or graduate school admissions. There were no changes in the degree plan or courses. Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the name Change from BA in Art & Performance to BA in Visual & Performing Arts. The motion carried.

B. Undergraduate First 40 Policies
   The “First 40” refers to what once was the first forty pages of undergraduate catalog, which contained policies pertaining to undergraduate students. The changes were made to reflect administrative updates, as well as provide room number changes, links and wording clarification. Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the Undergraduate First 40 Policies. The motion carried.

C. Graduate First 40 Policies
   As with the Undergraduate First 40, changes were made to reflect administrative updates, as well as room number changes, links and wording clarification. Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the Graduate First 40 Policies. The motion carried.

D. Revisions to UTDPP 1052-Procedures for Completing a Graduate Degree
   The revisions remove the graduate dean from the approval of online courses for transfer graduate credit, and allow individual programs to approve/decline the online courses on a case-by-case basis. Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the revisions to UTDPP 1052-Procedures for Completing a Graduate Degree. The motion carried.

11. Recommendation for additional non- UTD member to the IRB Committee – Tim Redman
    Richard Scotch moved to add Dr. Stennis Watson, PhD, to the committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (Institutional Review Board) as a community member of the committee. Murray Leaf seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Recommended members for the E-forms ad hoc committee - Frank Feagans & Brian Dourty
Frank Feagans and Brian Dourty presented the proposed charge for an ad-hoc committee on e-Forms, and suggested membership. The presentation is included in appendix B. Dean Underwood recommended that Susan Jerger be removed as she had left the university. Murray Leaf move to create a University e-Forms committee with Frank Feagans as chair. Joe Izen seconded. A charge for the new committee will be written by Murray Leaf, Frank Feagans, and Brian Dourty and will be presented at the May Academic Senate meeting. The motion carried.

Speaker Redman reviewed the amendments to Regents Rules 31001 and found nothing of concern. He suggested that the changes be placed on the May Academic Council agenda for further discussion. Murray Leaf noted that at the April Academic Council meeting this issue was referred to the Committee on Undergraduate Education and the Graduate Council, which were going to notify the Academic Senate of recommendations.

Joe Izen motion to approve the following acknowledgement of John Hoffman.

"The Faculty Senate of University of the Texas at Dallas wishes to mark the retirement of our long-time colleague, Professor John H. Hoffman. Professor Hoffman has been at the University of Texas at Dallas longer than there has been a University of Texas at Dallas, for he joined our predecessor institute, the Southwest Center of Advanced Studies in 1966. During his active and lengthy career, mass spectrometers built by Prof. Hoffman at UTD have explored the Moon, Mars, Venus, and Halley’s Comet. While his instruments were gallivanting around the solar system, Professor Hoffman has had a terrestrial impact here at UT Dallas. The campus shows he’s held in more than his half century of service include Physics Head, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (aka the College Master), and Chair of the Physics Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. The titles before Professor Hoffman’s accessibility and approachability, particularly by undergraduates. His enthusiasm for teaching was evidenced by the demonstrations that pervaded his Physics and NATS courses, and that he regularly took on the road to area schools. We on Senate take pride in the fact that Professor Hoffman has served on this body for fifty years past. We have been proud to call him our colleague. The most fortunate amongst our ranks can claim him as a mentor and a friend.”

Murray Leaf seconded. The motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

15. Approval of Spring 2017 Graduates – David Cordell
David Cordell moved that:

These students have applied for graduation and have been reviewed by the Office of Records. The Office of Records has declared that all of these students will be eligible for graduation upon the completion of the current semester's work at the necessary levels. I request, therefore, that the Faculty Senate certify these students to graduate upon receipt of final grades, and notification of completion of other requirements, provided that the grades are consistent with the standards for graduation prescribed by this University. I also request that the Faculty Senate certify those students designated as eligible to graduate with honors upon completion of coursework and requirements consistent with the standards for honors at the levels offered by this University. Bill Hefley seconded. The motion carried.

David Cordell moved that:
These students have applied for graduate degrees and have been reviewed by the Graduate Dean. The Graduate Dean certifies that all of these students will be eligible for the degrees indicated upon satisfactory completion of the current semester’s work. I request, therefore, that the Academic Senate certify these students to receive the degrees as indicated upon receipt of final grades and notification of completion of other requirements, provided that the grades received are consistent with the standards for credit prescribed by this University. Bill Hefley seconded. The motion carried.

16. **Informational: Conditions of Classroom Buildings 1&2 – Tim Redman**

Calvin Jamison is working to address the issues noted at the Academic Council Meeting. There was no further discussion.

17. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Richard Benson adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.

APPROVED: [Signature]

DATE: 03/02/2017

Tim Redman
Speaker of the Faculty