TO: Academic Council*

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FROM: Office of Academic Governance
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SUBJECT: Academic Council Meeting

The Academic Council will meet on WEDNESDAY, June 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in ATEC 1.201. Please bring the agenda packet with you to the meeting. If you cannot attend, please notify me at cgm130130@utdallas.edu or x4791.

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AGENDA
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
June 6, 2018
ATEC 1.201

1. Call To Order, Announcements & Questions  Dr. Benson
2. Approval of the Agenda  Dr. Prakash
3. Approval of Minutes  Dr. Prakash
4. Speakers Report  Dr. Prakash
5. SACSCOC Reaffirmation Updates  Serenity King
6. TXCFS/FAC REPORT  Drs. Leaf & Hefley
7. Student Government Report  Eric Chen
8. CEP Recommendations  Clint Peinhardt
   A. Graduate Degree Program Pages to be Updated in 2018-2019
9. Ad hoc committee to look into retention of academic records  Dr. Prakash
10. Adjournment  Dr. Benson
UNAPPROVED AND UNCORRECTED MINUTES

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ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2018

PRESENT: Richard Benson, Hobson Wildenthal, Inga Musselman, Andrew Blanchard, Lisa Bell, David Cordell, William Hefley, Jennifer Holmes, Joe Izen, Murray Leaf, Ravi Prakash, Chris Ryan, Richard Scotch, Tres Thompson, Tonja Wissinger

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Eric Chen, Melinda Colby, Colleen Dutton, Frank Feagans, Serenity King, Abby Kratz, Jessica Murphy, Clint Peinhardt, Marion Underwood,

1. Call to Order, Announcements & Questions
   President Benson called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. President Benson. The university will be holding ten graduation ceremonies, as well as the honors convocation and doctoral hooding. The recent UT System Regents meeting was the last for Chancellor McRaven. President Benson opened the floor to questions. There were none.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Bill Hefley moved to amend the minutes to note the attendance of Eric Chen as the new Student Government president and to approve the amended Academic Council agenda. Jennifer Holmes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes
   Richard Scotch moved to approve the minutes. Andrew Blanchard seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Speaker’s Report – Murray Leaf
   1. All items that I have been working with are on the agenda.

5. SACSCOC Reaffirmation Updates – Serenity King
   Ms. King had nothing to report.

6. FAC Report – Murray Leaf
   Faculty advisory Council Report
   Austin Texas April 19-20, 2018
   Represented UT Dallas

   The meeting began at 10 am, April 19. The first two hours were taken up with several presentations by Stephanie Huie, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, and David Troutman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives. They mainly talked about a large study of dual credit they have undertaken at FAC initiative. It has now turned into a cooperative effort with several state agencies.
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Next item on the agenda was a lunch discussion with Dan Sharphorn, Director of the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Sharphorn mainly talked about the difference between Texas and Michigan, where he was previously, in the amount of time that has to be spent dealing with state initiatives. Michigan has a constitutional firewall preserving University autonomy. Texas does not.

The rest of the afternoon was spent on campus reports and committee meetings. Dr. Cordell is co-chair of Academic Affairs and Faculty Quality. I attended Governance. Governance spent most of time on the maternity leave policy that the Faculty Advisory Council is trying to help campuses develop. This included about an hour-long discussion with an attorney from the Office of General Counsel on the relationship between the federal family maternity leave policy and anything we might try to do. He emphasized that the federal policy does not require the time allowed off be taken as a block. It can be intermittent. So, for example, a woman who has graduate students can arrange her leave to include time for supervising them. This was news to me, although when I returned to UTD I found it was not news to our Human Resources office.

Academic Affairs and Faculty Quality presented a policy on NTS faculty, which the FAC endorsed.

Friday:

More committee meetings and campus reports. Rebecca Karoff reported on the Student Success Summit III that the System arranged. Apparently, people were happy with it.

The FAC spent most of the afternoon first discussing a recommendation for changing the Regents Rule dealing with upward evaluation of administrators. The amendments were coming from the health campuses primarily. They are unhappy with their administrations and want to be able to express this early and often. One change would be to have the evaluation every two years. Others concerned the presentation of results. Generally, I think we would find the changes unnecessarily repetitious, but in discussion I was assured that the wording was intended to allow enough faculty governance discretion for us to continue as we are now doing.

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In response to the SACSCOC evaluation a new policy was required to address transfer credit from non-accredited institutions. Different options were offered from Graduate council, Committee on Undergraduate Education, and the Committee on Educational policy. Dr. Peinhardt noted that the committee had extended discussions on the topic. The committee recommended keeping a check in place for the short term. The committee fees that the policy would be under further revisions in the upcoming years. The Committee on Education Policy moved to the new policy on transfer credit from non-accredited institutions on the May 2018 Academic Senate agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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14. Senate Agenda for May 15, 2018:
    1. Call to Order, Announcements, and Questions
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**ATEC**

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