

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Meeting Date: **September 10, 2013**
Time Called to Order: **5:18 P.M.**
Time Adjourned: **6:26 P.M.**
Meeting Schedule: **Held quarterly**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Assembly open to all UNTHSC faculty members (approximately 50 attended)**

Minutes recorded by: Shay Singleterry, Faculty Affairs Coordinator.

TOPIC / AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDED ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	RTA / CLOSED (RTA = Return To Agenda)
Call to Order	Dr. Peter Raven, President of the Faculty Senate, called the assembly to order at 5:18 PM. on Tuesday May 14, 2013.			
Presidential Remarks with Q&A	<p>Dr. Williams, UNTHSC President, thanked all for their attendance.</p> <p>He gave an update on the changes being made to the Mission, Vision, Values and Strategies of UNTHSC.</p> <p>Dr. Williams announced the planning of a new Student Center and Faculty Club. More details on these would be coming out in the future.</p> <p>Dr. Williams provided a hilarious short movie of spontaneous team building. He then encouraged all (faculty and staff) to seek ways to join him in building the image of UNTHSC.</p>		Dr. Williams identified that the image of UNTHSC was the responsibility of all faculty and staff.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision – Institutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the structure and funding of Research Faculty. UNTHSC is trying to fund more Faculty. Dr. Yorio is going to work with Dr. Raven to development a Faculty Senate subcommittee to look at ways to reward faculty and how to increase retention rates thru recognition and rewards for loyalty and service. 		Dr. Raven will follow up on this item.	RTA
Faculty Affairs presented by Dr. Raven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of Faculty Senate Composition (Real Senate) – A proposal was made to change the composition of the Faculty Senate to like that of a real senate. That would be four senators from each college/school with one alternate. Whichever college/school the senate president is elected from, will elect a fifth senator so they will have four voting senators at all times. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Faculty Bylaws have been revised to reflect the change in senate composition and are pending approval. • The Faculty Senate Bylaws have been revised to reflect the change in senate composition and are pending approval. • Results of the Evaluation of Deans through Chairs – Part 1 survey were presented to the Assembly. The aggregate data has been posted to the Faculty Senate website for all faculty to view. • The Evaluation of Administrators – Part 2 survey should be going out to the faculty soon and those results will be shared with faculty upon completion. • Dr. Raven discussed the role of faculty in shared governance with the UNTHSC administration. They need to work together as a team and not against one another. He encouraged the faculty to take the steps to start working with the administration instead of against them. 	<p>The Provost has been using the results to assist in his evaluation of the Administrators.</p>		

GSBS Announcements	<p>Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences announced the awards were issued to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Cunningham, PhD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cunningham received the 2013 Golden Apple Award for Teaching • Nathalie Sumien, PhD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sumien received the 2013 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award for Research 			
“ Predatory Publishers” Dan Burgard, Director of Library	<p>Mr. Burgard spoke about the dangers of using web based publishers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If faculty do use a web based publisher, be sure that you have researched them to be a legitimate business. They charge high fees, services are limited and often exploit open access movement. • If in doubt, faculty can always use the campus librarian as a resource for verifying that the publisher is legitimate. • He urged faculty to be very cautious and to instruct their students to do the same. 			
Parking Issues Stephen Barrett, Vice President of Operations	<p>Mr. Barrett spoke about the parking issues that occur at the beginning of a new academic year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many surrounding neighborhoods require that even the residents have permits to park on the streets during certain times. He stated that if faculty/staff/students are parking in these areas they are subject to being towed and are responsible for the fees incurred. • Additional curb parking (permit required) has been added in the area around the MET and Police Department buildings. • Starting December 1, 2013, there will be approximately 90 additional parking spaces in Lot 14, when UNTHSC takes back control of this building. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNTHSC is working with the City of Fort Worth to once again allow parking at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. Additional details to follow. • Mr. Barrett said that The State of Texas will not fund the construction of parking garages/facilities. This expense must be absorbed by UNTHSC. • All faculty/staff are encouraged to use public transportation and/or carpool if at possible to help reduce the parking problems on and around the campus. 			
Closing Remarks, Dr. Raven	Dr. Raven thanked all for attending and he stated that he was looking forward to serving as President of the Faculty Senate.			
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM			

Minutes approved for distribution by Dr. Peter Raven.

Next Faculty Assembly will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 5:15 PM in Luibel Hall. A Holiday Reception will immediately follow in the Atrium of the EAD.