

University of North Texas Health Science Center
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, August 15, 2014
7:30 – 10:30 AM EAD-703

PRESIDING: Peter Raven
PRESENT: Robert Barber, Patrick Clay, Thomas Diver, Harold Fain, Michael Flyzik, Geoffrey Guttman, Youcheng Liu, Amy Moss, John Podgore, Peter Raven, Joseph Ronaghan, Scott Walters, Joseph Warren, and Scott Winter
ABSENT: Linda Ball, Eric Cheng, Marija Djokovic, Sharon Gustowski, Patricia Gwartz, Victor Kosmopoulos, Roy Martin, Katalin Prokai, Yasser Salem, Jerry Simecka and Robert Wordinger
ALTERNATE: Liang-Jun Yan for Eric Cheng, Clay Walsh for Sharon Gustowski, and Robert Mallet for Robert Wordinger
GUESTS: Robert Mallet for Patricia Gwartz, Thomas Yorio, Michael Williams, and Harvey Brenner
RECORDING: Shay Singleterry

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion/Conclusion	Action/Recommendation
Call to order	Dr. Raven called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM.	Dr. Raven delayed calling the meeting to order in hopes there would be a quorum present.
Introduction of Alternates	Liang-Jun Yan for Eric Cheng; Clay Walsh for Sharon Gustowski; Robert Mallet for Robert Wordinger Dr. Robert Mallet was in attendance to represent the Bylaw Committee on behalf of Dr. Gwartz.	
Approval of Minutes	Dr. Guttman moved for approval of the minutes from the July Senate meeting. Dr. Clay seconded the motion. <u>Motion carried</u> with a unanimous vote.	
Dr. Michael Williams, UNTHSC President – Remarks with Q&A	Dr. Williams stated that with this being the last meeting of the FY2014 Senate, he wanted to thank all the Senators for their service and willingness to represent their colleagues, departments, schools and colleges. Their work as Faculty Senators is appreciated by Dr. Williams and the UNTHSC Administration. Dr. Williams also stated he was happy with the great strides this senate made in helping to build a more collaborative and trusting relationship between the faculty and administration. Dr. Williams thanked Dr. Ronaghan for his three years of service on the Senate Executive team. Dr. Williams thanked Dr. Raven for his service as President of the Senate and his role on the Presidents Executive Team. He appreciated Dr. Raven’s efforts in bridging the gap between the faculty and administration.	
Dr. Joseph Ronaghan – Remarks	Dr. Ronaghan stated that this was his last senate meeting. He has served on the Senate Executive team for the last three years and this last year has seen a more improved atmosphere at the HSC. He stated that Dr. Williams was the breath of fresh air that the UNTHSC needed and he thanked him for working with the Senate to improve the relationship between faculty and administration. Dr. Ronaghan welcomed Dr. Moss as the incoming Senate President.	

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<p>UNTHSC Faculty Bylaw Amendments – Second Reading, Dr. Robert Mallet</p>	<p>Dr. Raven asked if the Senate agreed that it was ok to move forward with the second reading of the Bylaw Amendments. Motion was made by Dr. Guttman to move forward with a second reading and vote to approve after the reading. Dr. Walters seconded the motion. <u>Motion carried</u> with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>Dr. Mallet presented the most recent HSC Faculty Bylaw Amendments. The detail of each amendment was read to the senate.</p> <p>After the reading and discussion on non-substantive changes, Dr. Raven asked if the senate was ready to vote to approve to the amendments. The consensus was to move forward with a formal vote on the amendments. Dr. Guttman made the motion to approve the amendments as read. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. <u>Motion carried</u> with a unanimous vote.</p>	<p>A copy of the documents detailing the changes (substantive and non-substantive) will be attached to these minutes.</p>
<p>Faculty Senate Code of Ethics, Dr. Joseph Warren</p>	<p>Dr. Warren presented the 2nd Draft of the Faculty Senate Code of Ethics. He stated that the Code of Ethics had been reworked and reworded to make them easier to understand. After discussion it was recommended that the order of items on the Code of Ethics be changed. Item #5 should be #6 and vice versa. Dr. Raven asked that if these changes were made would the Senate approve the Code of Ethics as presented. The consensus was that they would be approved. Dr. Guttman moved to approve the UNTHSC Faculty Code of Ethic with the above mentioned revisions. Dr. Barber seconded the motion. <u>Motion carried</u> with a unanimous vote.</p>	<p>A copy of the UNTHSC Code of Ethics has been attached to these minutes.</p>
<p>Update on SPH Evaluation Process - Dr. Peter Raven</p>	<p>Dr. Raven gave an update on the status SPH Faculty Evaluation process. He stated that the Provost, Senate Executive Committee, SPH Dean and Associate Dean met to discuss the SPH Faculty Evaluation process. A compromise was reached. The SPH Faculty Evaluation will not be finalized until after their accreditation. For now, the SPH will include the eight major questions that the other schools are using with the IDEA system they are currently using In using the eight questions with the IDEA system; a single evaluation score will not be used. The Provost stated that there must be a constructive evaluation of the faculty.</p>	
<p>Senate President-Elect Nominations – Dr. Peter Raven</p>	<p>Dr. Raven explained that Shay will be sending out a new survey for the nominations of the President-Elect for the 2014-2015 year. Once all nominations are in, the election will be held during the September Faculty Senate meeting. The survey link for nominations will be sent to all Senators – current and incoming. All senators are eligible except for those that represent TCOM as the new president for 2014-2015 is from TCOM.</p>	

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New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Patrick Clay brought up the change in the way contracts and grants are negotiated and approved. He stated that the originators have been taken out of the process. Only the contracts and grants office can approve them. Dr. Clay stated that the originator should have some say in the final approval of grants and contracts they submit. Dr. Raven mentioned this is an issue that the Deans and Department Chairs should address. Dr. Clay stated he tried to get help from his Dean and Department Chair without result. Dr. Raven asked that Dr. Clay give him documentation on the change in process and Dr. Raven will take to the President’s Executive Team meeting and bring the concerns to their attention. • Dr. Ronaghan recommended that the Senate review the quorum requirement for motions and voting during Senate meetings. Changing it from 2/3 to ½ might be a good idea so that there are not any more delays in voting on important issues. 	Dr. Raven said this will be addressed in the September meeting.
Adjournment – Dr. Peter Raven	<p>Prior to adjourning the meeting, Dr. Raven thanked the senate for their service. He encouraged them to keep the forward momentum and continue to strive for a better relationship between the faculty and administration.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.</p>	

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 19, 2014 in EAD-703

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