

**University of North Texas Health Science Center
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, February 14, 2014**

RECORDING: Shay Singleterry

MEETING TIME: 7:30 – 10:00 AM

PRESIDING: Peter Raven, PhD

MEETING LOCATION: EAD-714

PRESENT: Subhash Aryal, Robert Barber, Eric Cheng, Patrick Clay, Frank DeLeon, Thomas Diver, Harold Fain, Michael Flyzik, Victor Kosmopoulos, Youcheng Liu, Thaddeus Miller, Amy Moss, Katalin Prokai, Peter Raven, Joseph Ronaghan, Jerry Simecka, Scott Walters, Joseph Warren

ABSENT: Linda Ball, Marija Djokovic, Sharon Gustowski, Patricia Gwartz, Roy Martin, John Podgore, Yasser Salem, Scott Winter, Robert Wordinger

ALTERNATE: Claire Kirchhoff for Geoffrey Guttman, Kristine Lykens for Patricia Gwartz

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Williams, David Cistola, Myron Jacobson

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion/Conclusion	Action/Recommendation	RTA/Closed
Call to order	Dr. Raven called the meeting to order at 7:40 AM.		
Approval of January 2014 Minutes	<p>Dr. Simecka made motion to approve the January 2014 minutes. Dr. Dr. Clay seconded motion. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Approved minutes are to include the PowerPoint presentation of the Faculty Senate Survey of Administration. Dr. Raven briefly recapped the presentation. The Survey included seven of the UNTHSC vice presidents. He said that the President and Provost have assured him that they are using the survey results during their annual review of administration staff and faculty. One of the major points uncovered during the survey is that the faculty does not have a clear understanding of the roles many administrators play in the day to day operations here at UNTHSC. Dr. Raven also stated that at future Faculty Assembly meetings, the Provost and the Senate will provide an opportunity for each individual on the survey to provide the faculty an explanation of how, by accomplishing their job responsibilities and as a member of the UNTHSC Administration team member, they help the faculty perform their job and mission of UNTHSC.</p>	Approved minutes with attachments will be posted to the Faculty Senate webpage.	
Introduction of Alternates	Dr. Raven introduced Dr. Claire Kirchhoff as the alternate for Dr. Geoffrey Guttman, representing the GSBS Department of Cell Biology and Immunology. He also introduced Dr. Kristine Lykens as the alternate for Dr. Patricia Gwartz, representing the Faculty Bylaw Committee.		

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<p>President Williams Comments</p>	<p>Dr. Williams stated that every Friday morning at 8:30 he had a “huddle-up” meeting with his Cabinet to recap the week and address any issues they may have in their departments/schools/colleges. He said during these meetings the team has the opportunity to identify “Heroes” in their areas. These heroes are those individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty. He wanted to recognize two such heroes who were on the Senate. First he recognized Dr. Robert Barber and his work with TARC. Second, he recognized Dr. Peter Raven for his work not only as President of the Faculty Senate but also on the President’s Executive Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Williams said that our admissions numbers for the 2013-2014 year are setting records. Admission into UNTHSC is very competitive and we rank highly with other well-known Health Science Center institutions across the state and the country. He is very proud of the direction we are going and how hard everyone is working to make UNTHSC successful.</p> <p>Dr. Ronaghan asked Dr. Williams about the number of students being admitted into UNTHSC. With the increased number of students, what is being done about making space for everyone (classroom/lab/parking, etc.)? Dr. Williams said that they are looking at utilizing space in different buildings that is not being used for as originally intended. Dr. Williams also said that Student Affairs (all student services) will be moving across from the MET into the professional building. This will free up space in the EAD building which can be used as originally intended. Dr. Williams understands that teaching/lecture space is also cramped. They are talking with TRB about a grant/funding to build a new building.</p> <p>Dr. Raven asked if they were concerned about the increase in the GSBS admissions would cause a decrease in the scoring on our performance reviews. Dr. Williams said there has not been an increase in enrollment for GSBS. They only place UNTHSC has seen an increase in actual enrollment numbers is for the new UNTHSC College of Pharmacy. There should not be any decrease in the standards for admissions (quality of students we are admitting).</p> <p>Dr. Williams said that he and his executive team are very sensitive to the growing pain issues, including physical space as well as performance standards.</p>		
<p>Dr. Cistola Comments</p>	<p>Dr. Williams introduced Dr. Cistola and asked that he tell the Senate of another hero that was recognized by the Executive Committee. Dr. Cistola stated that Niki Clarke, Senior Grant and Contract Analyst from his office is being recognized by the Executive Committee as a hero for her hard work on grant and contract submission. She was an invaluable team member in his office.</p>		

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Dr. Cistola Comments (continued)	<p>Dr. Cistola spoke about the new partnership that UNTHSC now has with UT Southwestern. This collaboration would bring new programs and support to the UNTHSC Grants and Contracts office.</p> <p>Dr. Cistola reminded the Senate the deadline for grant submission was fast approaching and they could get additional information from the email he sent to all faculty and staff regarding grants.</p> <p>Dr. Simecka asked about those seed grant applications that had already been submitted and when they could expect a response. Dr. Cistola said that notices on current grant submissions should be sent out on or before April 1, 2014.</p>		
Interview Process for the Director of Online Education	<p>Dr. Patrick Clay of SCP was to speak to the Senate about the upcoming open interviews that were to be held for the Director of Online Education.</p> <p>Due to a prior appointment, Dr. Clay had to leave the meeting before he could speak. Dr. Raven told the Senate to refer to the information that had been emailed out to them prior to the Senate Meeting.</p>		
Senate Representation on the “Teaching Using Technology” seed grant review group	<p>Dr. Raven stated that the Provost’s office was putting together a team to review the seed grants for “Teaching Using Technology. Dr. Yorio asked Dr. Raven for two representatives from the Faculty Senate to be on the panel. Dr. Raven asked if there were volunteers from the Senate for this panel.</p>	<p>Dr. Barber and Dr. Warren volunteered to be on the review panel. Dr. Raven will forward their names to Dr. Yorio’s office.</p>	
March Faculty Senate Meeting	<p>The regularly scheduled date for the next Faculty Senate meeting is Friday, March 14, 2014. This is a spring break holiday and the campus is closed. Dr. Raven asked if the senators wanted to move the date to March 21st or March 28th. The general consensus of the senate was that March 28th would be too close to the April meeting date. The meeting was then moved to Friday, March 21st.</p>	<p>The Faculty Senate will meet in EAD-719.</p>	

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<p>March Faculty Assembly</p>	<p>The next regularly scheduled Faculty Assembly is on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. This date falls during the week of Spring Break and many staff and faculty will not be on campus. It was agreed upon to move the Faculty Assembly to Tuesday, March 18th.</p> <p>Dr. Raven reminded the Senators to encourage the faculty in their departments to attend these assembly meetings. He stated that there would be two or three vice presidents there to address the faculty.</p> <p>Dr. Raven also reminded the Senators that immediately following the assembly, Dr. Williams and Dr. Yorio would be hosting a reception for all those who attend. There will be light hors d'oeuvres, beverages, beer and wine served.</p>	<p>The Faculty Assembly will be held in MET-125S</p> <p>Reception to be held in MET-111.</p>	
<p>New Business – Faculty Bylaws Amendment to Article XII - Appeals</p>	<p>Dr. Raven explained that the UNTHSC General Counsel’s office had recommended to Dr. Yorio that the Faculty Bylaws not be approved until a change was made to the amendment made to Article XII – Appeals. After much discussion a motion was made by the Faculty Senate to leave Article XII – Appeals, Paragraph Two; Sentence Three of the Faculty Bylaws as they were presented to the Provost for approval and NOT accept the changes requested by the UNT General Counsel’s office. The motion was made by Dr. Barber and seconded by Dr. Simecka. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the Faculty Senate.</p>	<p>Dr. Raven will notify the Faculty Bylaw Committee of the motion made and passed.</p>	
<p>New Business – Provost Response to the Faculty Senate Sub-committee findings on the FGA Process</p>	<p>Dr. Ronaghan stated that the Provost had requested that a Faculty Senate sub-committee be created to review the FGA Process and bring present their findings to him and the Faculty Senate. These findings were discussed during the August 2013 Faculty Senate meeting and then sent to the Provost following Senate approval of the findings and recommendations on their findings. Dr. Ronaghan stated that as of this date, the Provost had not responded to the sub-committee findings. A motion was made to make a request in writing to the Provost – Dr. Yorio requesting a formal response (in writing or in person) to the Faculty Senate Sub-Committee’s findings on the Grievance and Appeal Process. The motion was made by Dr. Simecka and was seconded by Dr. Warren. The motion was then passed by a unanimous vote of the Faculty Senate.</p>	<p>Dr. Raven will send a request to the Provost asking for his response to the sub-committee findings and recommendations.</p>	

The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 7:30 AM in EAD-719.