



## FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

**Meeting:**

Faculty Senate Meeting, 10 May 2006, Wooten Hall Room 322

**Present:**

Atkinson, Barton, Booth, Cole, Coy, Figa, Glover, Goggin, Heidelberger, Holt, Johnston, Little, McPherson, Mikler, Miles, Mueller, Murphy, Nagaoka, Pavur, Pelton, Perez, Peters, Plummer, Reban, Reidy, Sahliyah, Seligmann, Staff, Swan, Thomsett-Scott, Turner, van Tassell, Weiller, Woods, Zimmerman

**Absent:**

Boyd Lillie, Chandler, Cooke, Doherty, Elleven, Gopal, Grable, Hill, Levin, Parks, Pirtle, Smith, Yeatts

**Guests:**

Jean Bush, Ginny Anderson, Julie Payne, Lynn Bissett, Kayla Dobbins, Oscar Garcia, Donna Asher, Howard Johnson, Celia Williamson, Tom Evenson

**Opening:**

Frances van Tassell, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

**Announcements:** Senator van Tassell welcomed newly elected senators and newly appointed senate committee members. Senator van Tassell also thanked Margie Lagleder for her efforts in getting senate meetings' recorded on audio tape.

**2006-07 Budget:** Ms Jean Bush provided a summary of the FY07 budget that will be presented to the Board of Regents later in the week. The presentation focused on \$10.86 million in increased expenditures. The expenditures include: (A) \$10.33 million in new initiatives (e.g. \$2.25 million in faculty, \$2.51 million in staff, \$2.79 million in M&O, and \$2.78 million in scholarships), but this requires a \$1.56 million reduction over FY06 costs; and (B) and \$6.42 million in other costs (e.g. \$578K in staff salaries, \$300K in UNT-Dallas faculty, \$863K in M&O, \$690K in athletics, \$3.3 million in Auxiliary M&O and dept service) which are offset by \$4.34 million less in construction costs in FY07 as compared to FY06.

**Chancellor's report:** Chancellor Jackson informed the senate that the budget presented by Ms Bush, as well as the Strategic Plan will go before the Board of Regents for approval later in the week. The Chancellor indicated that the Board of Regents wants the Strategic Plan to be used to drive budgeting, and therefore each new expenditure is tied to one or more strategic initiatives. The Chancellor also provided some clarification of the \$3.47 million in new expenditures for faculty and staff merit raises. These expenditures include a commitment for a 3% raise for faculty to become effective in January, 2007, which will be paid out of university reserves if the increase in projected enrollment is not realized, and an additional 2% raise for faculty to become effective in January, 2007 if the \$1.56 million reduction (reallocation) actually occurs. Finally, the Chancellor indicated that the Presidential search now includes one or more candidates who were not available last fall when the search committee was meeting, and while the goal is to have a new president for the fall semester, it may become necessary to appoint an interim president (who will not be an internal person) if it takes longer than anticipated to identify and hire the right person.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 12 April 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were presented. Upon motion by Senator Coy, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The minutes of the 5 May 2006 Special Called meeting of the Faculty Senate were presented. Upon motion by Senator Swan, the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **Unfinished business:**

A. *Senate Budget Committee.* Senator Mueller presented a series of 7 recommended action items.

**Motion to Lay on the Table by Senator Seligmann.** Senator Seligmann moved that recommendation 3.1 (the creation of a College of Basic Science and Engineering) be laid on the table until more information and senate deliberations occur.

Motion approved by majority ayes, no nays, and 1 abstention.

**Motion to accept report other than Recommendation 3.1** passed by majority ayes, five nays and one abstention.

B. *Charter and Bylaws Committee.* Senator Booth presented the second reading of 4 amendments to the senate Bylaws, and 3 amendments to the senate Charter.

**1. Bylaws amendments** (ratification requires simple majority of the senators attending the meeting of the second reading):

- a. Article III, Section 4, subsection c (Executive Committee).  
**Motion to ratify** passed unanimously.
- b. Article III, Section 4 (Executive Committee).  
**Motion to ratify** passed by majority ayes, two nays, no abstentions.
- c. Article III, Section 20 (University Parking Committee).  
**Motion to ratify** passed unanimously.
- d. Article III, Section 4 (Visiting Lecture/Seminar Series Committee).  
**Motion to ratify** passed unanimously.

**2. Charter amendments:** (initiation requires two-thirds of the senators present attending the meeting of the second reading [followed by ratification of three-fourths of all full-time faculty members voting]):

- a. Article III, Section 1 (Terms, Qualifications and Elections).  
**Motion to initiate** passed unanimously.
- b. Article III, Section 3 (Terms, Qualifications and Elections).  
**Motion to initiate** defeated by eighteen ayes, fourteen nays, no abstentions.
- c. Article III, Section 20, (University Parking Committee).  
**Motion to initiate** passed unanimously.

## **Committee Reports:**

A. *University Library Committee:* Postponed until next senate meeting.

B. *Committee on Committees:* Senator Thomsett-Scott distributed a handout that listed nominations for May 2006 as a motion for senate approval.

**Motion** passed unanimously.

**Report of the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs:** No report.

**Vice Chair's Update:** Senator Miles' reported that the Chancellor's report covered most items that were included in his report, and therefore will not repeat his report this month.

**Chair's Update:** Senator van Tassell presented a [Power Point presentation](#) that summarized the April Town Hall meeting, the status of the Evaluation of University Administrators, and the 5 May Called Senate meeting. Senator van Tassell also reported on a new audio recording system that will be ready for future senate meetings and reminded the senate of the regularly scheduled senate meeting on 14 June 2006.

**New Business:**

**Motion** by Senator Miles: Defer senate selection of the Summer Commencement Speaker until next year, or until a "centralized ceremony" is reinstated.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Committee of the Whole:** no items.

Senate adjourned at 4:22 PM.

*Respectively submitted by Sam Atkinson*