



FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

- Meeting:** Faculty Senate Meeting, 12 April 2006, Wooten Hall Room 322
- Present:** Atkinson, Barton, Booth, Cole, Cooke, Coy, Doherty, Elleven, Figa, Glover, Goggin, Gopal, Heidlberger, Hill, Holt, Johnston, Little, McPherson, Mikler, Miles, Murphy, Pavur, Pelton, Peters, Plummer, Reban, Reidy, Sahliyah, Seligmann, Smith, Staff, Swan, Thomsett-Scott, Turner, van Tassell, Weiller, Woods, Zimmerman
- Absent:** Boyd Lillie, Chandler, Grable, Levin, Mueller, Nagaoka, Parks, Perez, Pirtle, Yeatts
- Guests:** Kathleen Cooper, Suzanne LaBrecque, Sandra Terrell, Lawrence Schneider, Paul Lambert, Kay Selby, Gene Wright, Julie Elliott Payne, Kim Cox, Vicki Goodwin
- Opening:** Frances van Tassell, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

Welcome to Spring 2006: Senator van Tassell welcomed senators and explained that a new audio recording system was being used and asked all senators to speak loudly so their comments could be recorded.

Introduction of Dr. Kathleen Cooper, Dean of the College of Business Administration: Dean Cooper thanked the senate for the opportunity to explain her vision for the College and outlined a 5-year plan to make UNT's College of Business Administration the leading program in the southwest region through: 1-building a new facility; 2-naming the school; 3-having more master's students; 4-having outreach programs to the Dallas/Fort Worth region and the southwest; and 5-tracking the College's performance.

Doctoral Assessment: Dr. Sandra Terrell, Dean of the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies, gave a [power point presentation](#) that described the doctoral program assessment, and introduced Paul Lambert who is managing the data base associated with the assessment. Dr. Terrell explained that external reviews of doctoral programs will be examined by an internal review committee who will compile a report that will provide the basis for each program's assessment. Dr. Terrell also commented on last year's senate resolution concerning the requirement for openness of theses and dissertation, and the process that is being implemented when proprietary data are included in the documents.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 8 March 2006 meeting were presented. Upon motion by Senator Coy, the minutes were approved by majority ayes, no nays, and one abstention.

Unfinished business:

None

Committee Reports:

- A. *Academic Affairs Committee:* Senator Jack Peters, Chair of the committee, presented the [Report of the Academic Affairs Committee, March 29, 2006](#) to the senate that summarized the charges to the committee and the recommendations the committee has for each charge.

Motion to accept report passed unanimously.

Motion by Senator Peters: The standardized form developed by the Academic Affairs Committee in past years be presented to the appropriate administrator and be incorporated into the EIS system so that a form must be completed in order to enter a grade of incomplete.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Committee on the Status of Women: Dr. Vicki Goodwin, Chair of the committee presented the report [Committee on the Status of Women, Vicki Goodwin, Chair, Report to Faculty Senate, Spring 2006](#) to the senate that summarized the charges to the committee and the actions undertaken by the committee.

Motion to accept report passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Goodwin: Implement an exit interview process and use the survey presented in the report as the tool.

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

A recommendation was made from the floor that wording be added to the survey instrument to ask for consent of employee to use the information obtained in the survey for research purposes, including publication of results.

C. Committee on Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows: Dr. Tory Caeti, Chair of the committee presented the Report of the Committee on Teaching Assistants and Fellows, March 29, 2006 to the senate that summarized the committee's activities including the selection of 4 Outstanding Teaching Fellows.

Motion to accept report passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Caeti: The committee recommends that in the future all application packets for Outstanding Teaching Fellow submitted by candidates be structured and be submitted in the same order. Further, all candidates should submit summaries of their teaching evaluations scores only and not individual student evaluations. The packets should only contain selected comments from students and not the individual teaching evaluation form submitted by the students. Additionally, all of the nominees should submit a list of the courses they have instructed including the semester and year of the course and the number of students. The committee recommends that future application packets be structured as follows:

1. Cover Letter
2. Current Vita
3. Letters of Recommendation
4. Teaching Statement
5. Listing of Courses Taught and Number of Students
6. Transcripts
7. Summary of Teaching Evaluations including Summary Scores and Selected Comments

The committee recommends that the timing of the delivery of the applications be moved forward: in the future, the applications should be due earlier in the term and distributed to the committee well in advance of Spring Break.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. University Review Committee: Senator Noreen Goggin presented the [University Review Committee Report to Senate Executive Committee, March 29, 2006](#) to the senate that summarized the activities of the committee and the concerns the committee has about the administration's response to URC recommendations.

Motion to accept report passed unanimously.

Motion by Senator Reidy: The Senate requests a response from the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs explaining their positions on this matter through an open discussion with the Senate.

Motion to extend time limits by an additional 5 minutes by Senator Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Charter and Bylaws Committee: Senator Booth presented a [Memorandum](#) dated April 7, 2006 that summarized the committee's charges, activities of the committee, and suggestions for future actions, and also distributed the [Report of the Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws Committee for Initiation at the April 12, 2006 Senate Meeting](#) that contained a resolution concerning the continuation of the Committee on the Status of Women for next year, and a resolution concerning the dissolution of numerous ad hoc senate committees that have been inactive for several years.

Both Resolutions passed unanimously.

Senator Booth also made the first reading of the following amendments to the Faculty Senate Bylaws:

1. Amendment to clarify the role of the past Senate Chair on the Executive Committee.
2. Amendment to establish when Executive Committee meetings can become an executive session (closed to non-members).
3. Amendment to delete reference to the University Parking Committee.
4. Amendment to delete reference to the Visiting Lecture/Seminar Series Committee.
5. Amendment clarify how nominations to senate committees can be made.

Senator Booth also made the first reading of the following amendments to the Faculty Senate Charter:

1. Amendment to clarify senators' terms when they take a leave of absence.
2. Amendment to clarify that department chairs and interim department chairs can serve on the senate or its committees.
3. Amendment to clarify when a special election should be held to fill a vacancy in the senate.

F. University Election Committee: The [University Election Committee Report dated 3-28-06](#) was distributed to the senate that summarized the committee's activities.

Motion to accept report passed unanimously.

G. Committee on Committees: No report.

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

Vice Chair's Update: Senator Miles' presented a [Power Point presentation](#) that summarized the topics discussed with President Pohl and Provost Johnson at the Executive Committee meeting of 5 April 2006 including: the worst university budget in 8 years, problems with shared governance, vacancies in upper administration, planning for an avian flu outbreak on any of the three system campuses, market and excellence adjustments, faculty

workload and increased service requirements, and the current search for a Dean of the Collage of Public Affairs and Community Service.

Motion by Senator Plummer: In the spirit of shared governance, the Senate requests a Special Session of the Faculty Senate inviting all Deans and the Provost to discuss the allocation, award and reinvestment of faculty raises and how the decision were made.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Update: Senator van Tassell presented a [Power Point presentation](#) that indicated that the evaluation of academic administrators will be released on 7 May 2006, summarized discussions on informal evaluations of other vice presidents, summarized the March meeting of the Board of Regents including the awarding of an honorary degree and tuition increases, summarized a meeting of senate committee chairs, reminded the senate of the Town Hall Meeting on 26 April 2006, discussed the upcoming election for senate officers, and announced the continually improving senate web page.

Motion by Senator Booth: Lay on the table the proposal for a new process for nominating senate officers this year and refer the matter to the Charter and Bylaws Committee for consideration.

Motion approved by majority ayes, two nays and two abstentions.

Motion by Senator Booth: The Charter and Bylaws Committee shall consider establishing a nominating committee for faculty senate officers that could be implemented for next year's officer elections.

Motion approved by majority ayes, one nay.

New Business: none

Committee of the Whole: no items.

Senate adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectively submitted by Sam Atkinson