



FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

- Meeting:** Faculty Senate Meeting, 14 December 2005, Wooten Hall Room 322
- Absent:** Chandler, Doherty, Elleven, Gopal, Grable, Hill, Johnston, Levin, Nagaoka, Perez, Plummer, Roberts, Smith, Swan, Yeatts
- Guests:** David Marling, Rick Villarreal, David Shiner, Kelley Reese, Herman Totten, Howard Johnson, Donna Asher, Celia Williamson
- Opening:** Frances van Tassell, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM
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Introduction of new Deans: Senator van Tassell introduced Kathleen Cooper, Dean of the College of Business Administration and Herman Totten, Dean of the School of Library and Information Sciences.

Presentation by Rick Villarreal, UNT Director of Athletics: Mr. Villarreal presented a review of the state of UNT athletics between 2001 when he was hired as Director of Athletics, and today. His Power Point presentation is available on the Faculty Senate Web site.

Presentation by David Marling: Mr. Marling presented information concerning an initiative to consider implementing an Honor Code at UNT. Mr. Marling wanted the Faculty Senate, as well as all faculty, to know the concept is being considered and a student referendum will be presented to UNT students next year asking for their opinion on the matter.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 9 November 2005 meeting were presented. Upon motion by Senator Seligman, the minutes were approved as corrected (a. Motion to use current grading system rather than a plus/minus system was not passed unanimously, but rather with majority ayes and 1 nay. b. two typos corrected.).

Unfinished business: Senator Mueller's motion to "Add all vice president's names to the vote of confidence." was tabled last month. A friendly amendment to remove the name of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer from the list was not accepted by Senator Mueller. A friendly amendment to add all Associate Vice President's names to the vote of confidence was not accepted by Senator Mueller.

Motion by Senator Seligmann:

"Amend the motion to add all vice president's names to the vote of confidence by removing the name of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the name of the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer."

Motion passed, 17 ayes, 9 nays.

Motion for Previous Question:

"Add all vice president's names other than the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer to the vote of confidence."

Motion failed, 2 ayes, majority nays.

Committee Reports:

A. Committee on Committees: Senator Thomsett-Scott distributed a handout that listed committee nominations for December 2005 and moved that the list of nominations be approved.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Committee on the Evaluation of University Administrator: Senator Shiner distributed the report of the committee's activities and recommendations which was presented as a motion and approved unanimously.

C. Charter and Bylaws Committee:

Senator Booth distributed the report of the committee's proposed Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws amendments, and made the first reading of the following amendments:

1. Alteration of the Method of Election of Senate Officers.
2. Removal of Senate Officers, and
3. Secret Balloting in the Election and Removal of Officers.
4. Changing the Terms of Office of Members and Specifying the Election and Terms of a Chair of the Committee on Committees.
5. Revising the Makeup of and Adding a Co-Chair to the Fine Arts Committee.

Report of the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs: Provost Johnson reported:

1. The Southern Association of Colleges re-accreditation was underway and information requests have been given to Deans.
2. The Market and Excellence pay raise adjustments, originally set to be finished by early December, were delayed due to the university's closure on December 7th and 8th due to inclement weather.
3. Summer scheduling is still under review in an attempt to determine how best to increase the number of semester credit hours. Instructor pay will be essentially the same in the summer of 2006 as was the case in the summer of 2005.

Vice Chair's Update: Senator Miles' reported that the Executive Committee scheduled for 7 December 2005 was canceled last week to the university's closure under inclement weather. He also reported that during the Executive Committee meeting of 30 November 2005, discussions of the manner in which items are added to the Faculty Senate Agenda led the committee to realize that a set of operating rules for the senate and its committees needed to be developed, and the Charter and Bylaws Committee will be asked to look into the issue.

End of meeting: Senators were unaware that a final exam was scheduled to begin at 4:00 PM in the classroom that the senate uses for its meetings. Senator van Tassell announced that the senate need to vacate the room, and reminded the senate that typically a motion is made to cancel the January meeting of the Senate. That motion was made from the floor, and passed with majority ayes, 2 nays.

Senate adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Respectively submitted by Sam Atkinson