

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate

September 26, 2007, 2:00 PM, 2nd Floor Board Room UNT Administration Building

Dick Well, Executive Committee Chair, presiding; Mike McPherson, Senate Chair, and Beth Thomsett-Scott, Senate Secretary present.

Executive Committee Members:

| Name | Group | Dept. | Term | Present |
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| Dornith Doherty | I | SOVD | 2008* | |
| Elizabeth Figa | II | SLIS | 2008* | X |
| Dennis Mueller | III | PHYS | 2008* | |
| Emile Sahliyah | IV | PSCI | 2010* | X |
| Steve Cole | V | FIREL | 2008 | X |
| Cynthia Chandler | VI | CDHE | 2010* | |
| James Swan | VII | AGER | 2008 | X |
| John Holt | VIII | MUSIC | 2008* | X |
| Michael McPherson | Chair | ECON | 2008 | X |
| Richard Wells | Vice-Chair | JOUR | 2008 | |
| Beth Thomsett-Scott | Secretary | LIBR | 2008 | X |
| Marsha Staff | Ex-officio/Past Chair | FIREL | 2008* | |

Michael McPherson called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

I. Opening Remarks

McPherson noted that Dick Wells was away on business and that he would be conducting the meeting.

II. Approval of the Minutes from September 5, 2007

Move to approve by Sahliyah and Swan. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

III. Report of the Fine Arts Committee

This report was presented in written format. There was no discussion.

IV. Topics for Administrators

There were a number of suggested questions for both the Provost and the President. EC agreed to restrict the number to four for each person. Figa raised a concern about a new Technology Policy that would make faculty responsible for archiving their electronic communications. There was discussion about this topic and it was agreed that since the policy falls under the jurisdiction of the Information Resources Council, McPherson would ask our representatives to clarify the intent and implementation of the policy. Swan noted that the report of the 120 hour exception committee had been made to the Provost on Monday. McPherson will clarify next steps on this issue with Celia Williamson via e-mail. McPherson noted that the Ombuds search is going well and 4 candidates will be attending on campus interviews. There is some concern about how soon the selected candidate could arrive, and the importance of a interim Ombudsperson. McPherson noted that he, Marcia Staff, and Jim Meernik would be meeting with others this week to review policies and develop a prioritized list of those need review or revision. The external consultant will likely not be contracted to assist UNT. McPherson will ask about the role of the Hanover Group in the policy process. Figa expressed concern that the UNT Bookstore frequently cancels student textbook requests if the item is not on the shelf without notifying the student, resulting in further delays and frustrations for the students and requested that the question concerning the bookstore be broadened to include this issue. Thomsett-Scott asked for background on the question concerning the potential move of the supplemental travel funds back to the departments. After discussion, it was agreed use questions 2, 4, 6 and 7 for the Provost, and questions 1, 2, 5, and 6 for the President. The other questions related to the aforementioned questions, could be asked as tangent questions, or could be postponed until more information would be available.

V. Faculty Senate Agenda for October 10

Report of the Curriculum Committee was added under Committee Reports. McPherson noted that Darlene Callahan from the Provost's office had contact him about presenting a session on the process and updates from the Space Assessment Committee. McPherson will invite her to the October Faculty Senate meeting and her session will be listed under New Business with a 30 minute time frame (half for the presentation, and half for Q&A). EC requested that the President be asked to attend the November Senate meeting. Thomsett-Scott suggested that the new VP Research be invited to a Senate meeting, producing a discussion on how and when new administrators should be invited to Senate meetings and whether they should be introduced or asked to present a short session. The new VP for Equity and Diversity, interim COBA Dean, and VP for International Education will be invited. McPherson will ask Finley Graves, interim COBA Dean, and Earl Gibbons, VP for International Education to attend the October Senate meeting. Thomsett-Scott suggested putting them under "Welcome and Introductions" rather than later in the session. With the extension of the agenda, Figa asked if the Senate meetings will start on time. McPherson will warn Senators that meetings will begin at 2 pm sharp.

VI. University Committee Members

- A) Space Management Committee. Now that there is a policy to make this a standing committee, it will be treated as a regular Administrative Committee with the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees nominating faculty representatives. Thomsett-Scott will verify whether the current faculty reps would like to continue or whether other representatives need to be found.
- B) Hispanic and Global Studies Initiative Fund Selection Committee. Phil Turner has requested that a Senate representative serve on this committee. Several names were recommended and McPherson will pass them along to Turner.
- C) Survey Advisory Committee. Allen Clark requested a Senator to serve on this committee which will explore ways to use the data from surveys that UNT routinely participates in. Thomsett-Scott agreed to serve.

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| VII. Comments for the Good of the Order |
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- A) Cole raised the issue of Chairs serving on Senate and Senate committees now that they are more like formalized administrators. McPherson will request that the Faculty Senate Charter and Bylaws Committee review this issue.
- B) McPherson reminded EC about the Change War which will be occurring at the October Senate meeting and encouraged them to spread the word among their fellow Senators.
- C) The Faculty Senate will again be tailgating at the Homecoming game on October 27.
- D) Margie Lagleder will be leaving for another on campus position beginning October 1. She will be permitted to continue to spend time on Senate matters while the transition to a new administrative assistant is made. Wells, McPherson, and Thomsett-Scott will be interviewing candidates next week.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Thomsett-Scott