



# FACULTY SENATE

## University of North Texas

**Meeting:** Faculty Senate Meeting – May 13, 2009

**Present:** Mary Lynn Babcock, Denise Catalano, Jiangping Chen, William Cherry, Terry Clower, Jim Conover, Barbara Cox, Shelley Cushman, Donna Emmanuel, Noreen Goggin, Fransico Guzman, Pamela Harrell, Pudur Jagadeeswaran, Andrew Justice, Ling Lu, Shawnee Miksa, Lisa Nagaoka, Seifollah Nasrazadani, Elizabeth Oldmixon, Jose Perez, Elvia Puccinelli, Gus Seligmann, James Swan, Patricia Reese, Beth Thomsett-Scott, Mark Vosvick, Randy Wallace, Karen Weiller, John Windsor.

**Absent:** Tony Baker, Deanna Bush, Sue Bratton, Cynthia Chandler, Charles Conley, Kelly Donahue-Wallace, Frank Heidlberger, Patricia Kaminski, Armin Mikler, Terry Pohlen, Emile Sahliyah, Farhad Shahrokhi, Keith Turner, Richard White

**Guests:** Margaret Notley, Jeff Kline, Courtney Wright, Drew Robertson, Will Sevin, Elizabeth Hinkle-Turner, J.D. Smith, Victor Brewer, Mary Bush, Amanda Churchhill, Debbie Bann, Lynn Bissett, Carolyn Bobo, Wendy Wilkins, Celia Williamson, Margie Lagleder, David Schwarz, Christy Crutsinger, Vish Prasad, Kenneth Sewell, Andrew Harris, Victor Brewer, Andy Milson, Bill McKee, Sarah Collins and Harold Strong

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 2:09 PM.

- I. Welcome: Guests were recognized and committee members were greeted.  
SGA representatives presented concerns about changes in the dead week policy.
- II. Writing Awards presentations were made by Dr. Margaret Notley. She described the process for candidate selection. Numerical evaluations were assigned by committee members. Submissions were rated on a scale of 1-5. The numerical evaluations were summed to determine the winners.

***2009 Winners of the University Writing Competition***

Undergraduate

Prose: Stephen Menton - "A Menagerie of Helium"

Poetry: Joseph Smith - "A Collection of Poems"

Expository: Lauren Hirsch - "Style and Emulation in the Renaissance of New Spain"

Graduate

Prose: Amanda Churchill - "Moving Sale"

Poetry: Mary Bush - "Chaco Canyon"

Expository: Clare Carrasco - "Schonberg's Op. 45 String Trio and Unfulfilled Expectations: A Phenomenological Approach"

### III. Spending Plan presentation – Andrew Harris and Wendy Wilkins

A copy of the spending plan memo was submitted to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. The legislature is still in session and the preapproved tuition increase approved by the board last year (7.9%) may be changed due to legislative actions which may cap tuition increases. These changes will affect the budget accordingly.

#### Strategic Goal 1 – Student Success and Opportunity Initiative

\$339,939 - Internal Reallocation

\$400,000 - Emerald Eagle Scholars

\$250,000 - Athletics Scholarships

\$45,000 - Enrollment Management Recruiter

\$3,269,963 – Need-based Student Financial Aid

\$2,500,000 - merit based financial aid

#### Strategic Goal # 2 – Emerging Research Initiative

\$663,552 - Internal Reallocation

\$1,400,000 - Research Clusters

\$1,900,000 - Faculty Merit Salary Pool (2%)

\$2,500,000 – Graduate Student Support

\$304,404 – Research Compliance and Risk Management

\$250,000 Discovery Park Development

\$875,000 – New Faculty Lines

#### Strategic Goal # 3 – Image and Reputation Initiative

\$98,060 – Internal Reallocation

\$300,000 – Web Development Center

\$200,000 – Institutional Advertising

\$553,000 – Capital Campaign Funding

\$53,022 – CITC Web Content

\$200,000 – Web Development 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase

\$300,000 – Institutional Advertising 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase

#### Strategic Goal #4 – Efficiencies and Assessment Initiative

\$1,002,273 – Internal Reallocation

\$210,000 – CITC (EIKS Implementation)

\$1,000,000 – M&O

\$450,000 – Increase to Staff Classification & Compensation Reserve

\$1,567,946 – Merit Staff (2%)  
\$875,000 – Staff Compensation Market Adjustments  
\$301,408 – Administration Building Network Staffing  
\$100,000 – Office of Space Management

Beth Thomsett-Scott made a motion to support the spending plan. The motion was seconded by Senator Swan. The motion was passed.

#### IV. Introductions

Harold Strong – Director of Discovery Park provided a discussion about the development of Discovery Part including plans for real estate development and technology use.

#### V. Report of the Provost/VPAA

Work will begin on the revision of the strategic plan. The Academic Planning Committee will be reconstituted to work on the UNT Academic Plan associated with the UNT Strategic Plan and to provide feedback to the Provost on related matters. The revision is scheduled for completion by May 2010.

#### VI. New Business

- A. Election of 2010-2011 officers – The slate of nominees included: Karen Weiller – Faculty Senate Chair; Beth Thomsett-Scott – Vice Chair; Jim Conover – Secretary. All nominees were approved by the faculty senate.
- B. Charter revisions to Article II, Article III, Article VI, and Article VII. A first reading was given and included items such as including lecturers in the senate, changes to ambiguous wording for the P&T Committee and the University Review Committee, excluding chairs from serving on the senate, defining when reapportionments can be made, and clarifying the role of instructors and librarians within the faculty senate.
- C. Concealed Handgun Resolution – Senator Swan moved to support the resolution. Senator Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### VII. Unfinished Business – Academic Integrity Process

The Academic Integrity Taskforce was formed during spring 2008. Bill McKee provided a presentation accompanied by a written document describing proposed procedures applicable to academic misconduct including voluntary mediation and a course-level process and university-level process for potentially flagrant violations and multiple violations by the student. The Academic Integrity Officer (AIO) is a new position which will be funded by the Provost's Office and oversee issues related to academic integrity.

Senator Windsor made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Academic Integrity Taskforce as an interim policy and also to charge the committee with placing the procedures into a written policy format. Senator Swan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Written committee reports were submitted by the Academic Affairs Committee, Committee on the Evaluation of University Administrators, University Review Committee, Faculty Workload Committee, Faculty Handbook Committee, and the Committee on Committees.
- B. Dr. Crutsinger presented information about how other universities provide faculty handbook information and provided a link to an online faculty handbook. They are going to redesign the website by changing the search functions and to recategorize the existing information.
- C. Faculty Research Committee – Vish Prasad
  - 1. About 20 faculty received research awards. \$1.7 has been spent for research infrastructure upgrades over the past year including a high performance computing facility and a clean room.
  - 2. The certification of expenses for grants by faculty will be discontinued. The role of the grants administrator is changing from a liaison to a faculty representative.
- D. Review of Undergraduate Admission – Sarah Collins
- E. University Curriculum Committee – Celia Williamson

#### IX. Approval of Minutes (April 8, 2009)

Senator Swan moved to accept the minutes and Senator Conover seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with corrections to Section IIIA. The first sentence will be amended to read, “UNT is founding an Emeritus College out of the Center for Advancement of lifelong Learning which will focus on noncredit courses to be taught by Emeritus faculty.”

- X. Vice Chair Update – A written report was submitted.
- XI. Chair update – A written report was submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.