

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

April 29, 2009 - 2:00 PM, 2nd Floor Board Room UNT Administration Building

Executive Committee Members:

Name	Group	Dept.	Term	Present
Vacancy	I			
John (Jack) Peters	II	ENGL	2011	
Jose Perez	III	PHYS	2011	X
Emile Sahliyah	IV	PSCI	2010*	X
John Windsor	V	FIRL	2011	X
Cynthia Chandler	VI	CHE	2010*	
Jim Swan	VII	AGER	2008	X
Donna Emmanuel	VIII	MUSIC	2008*	X
Terry Clower	Chair		2008*	X
Beth Thomsett-Scott	Vice-Chair	LIBR	2009	X
Pam Harrell	Secretary	COE	2009	X
Michael McPherson	Immediate Past Chair	ECON	2009*	

Guests: Andy Milson, Kathy Nichols, Vish Prasad, Ken Sewell, Steve Cobb

Terry Clower, Donna Emmanuel, Pam Harrell, Jose Perez, Emile Sahliyah, Beth Thomsett-Scott, James Swan, John Windsor

I. The meeting was brought to order at 2:07 p.m. Welcoming remarks were given by Beth Thomsett-Scott.

II. Minutes were approved by acclamation

III. Committee Reports

1. Academic Affairs Committee – Dr. Milson submitted a written committee report. Academic Affairs Committee to be the liaison between the Faculty Senate and personnel working on the Online Catalog which is under the control of the Provost Office. Standardized form for removing incomplete grades in EIS. Dr. Milson talked with Ben Dearman, assistant registrar about the process in EIS for removing incompletes. Questions were raised about what might happen with optional written agreements between the professor and students before giving an incomplete if the system is electronic. If the form is not used, then what happens in the case of an adjunct or other instructor who is no longer with UNT? The committee will investigate this further.
2. Committee on Evaluation of Administrators. Bob Benjamin provided a discussion about the work of the committee on evaluation of administrators. The evaluation instrument has been streamlined to include about a dozen questions on the new administrative evaluation form. It also includes more opportunity for faculty to provide written comments. We are also asking for a statement of accomplishments from the people who are evaluated. The Provost has asked that the Faculty Senate not evaluate Dean's in the same year the Provost Office runs a five-year evaluation. The EC recommendation is that the Faculty Senate evaluation process is sufficiently different from the Provost's evaluation that both should be given together.
3. University Review Committee. There has been only one issue referred to the URC and it was resolved. There have been no cases referred to the next level, Provost Wilkins. Not a single one of the URC rulings has been upheld although all of the people the URC has recommended to be removed were eventually removed. Dr. Benjamin will submit a written report.
4. Faculty Load Committee. Steve Cobb presented a written report which included information about the work of the committee. He provided information about progress on the new workload policy which was implemented this year.
5. Faculty Research Committee. Vish Prasad and Ken Sewell submitted a written report answering ten questions posed about faculty research.

IV. Topics for Administrators - Include topics about:

- budget issues related to faculty
- smoking ban on campus
- restrictions about the appointment of professionally qualified adjuncts faculty to teach graduate courses?
- Student evaluation form feedback mechanism

V. Draft Faculty Senate Agenda for May 13, 2009

The draft Faculty Senate Agenda was presented.

VI. Chair's Report

VII. New Business

- A. Charter Revisions
- B. Resolution on concealed handguns
- C. Summer faculty salaries

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. Comments for the Good of the Order

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.