



FACULTY SENATE

University of North Texas

- Meeting:** Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting – March 25, 2009
- Present:** Emile Sahliyah, John Windsor, James Swan, Donna Emmanuel, Terry Clower, Beth Thomsett-Scott, Pam Harrell, Mike McPherson, and Kathy Nichols
- Absent:** John Peters, Jose Perez, Cynthia Chandler
- Guests:** Sarah Collins, Gilda Garcia
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 2:07 PM.
- I. Welcome: Guests were recognized and committee members were greeted.
 - II. Sarah Collins provided a presentation about the admission of undergraduates to UNT. A hard copy of the 2008-2009 Evaluation of Undergraduate Admissions (February 13, 2009) was provided. She discussed: (1) admissions criteria, (2) the number of applications, (3) admissions, denials and enrollments, (4) numbers of undergraduate FTIC and transfer students, (5) profile for the FTIC, (6) success toward graduation, and (7) persistence rate.
 - III. Gilda Garcia is in the process of getting input and support for her office as it relates to diversity and the strategic plan. What she proposes is the involvement of the senate committees (i.e., Status of Women, People of Color, GLBT) to provide input in the diversity part of the strategic plan (e.g., goals and measures) and that at some point this information be provided to the Faculty Senate for feedback. John Windsor made a motion to charge the three committees with meeting with Dr. Garcia and Jim Swan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - IV. Approval of the Minutes: James Swan made a motion for approval and the motion was seconded by Emile Sahliyah. The motion carried unanimously.
 - V. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.
 - VI. Discussion Topics for the President:
 - Provide an update on the Board of Regent’s retreat
 - Provide an update on the legislative session
 - Discuss the rationale for excluding individual salaries on the UNT budgets

- There is a concern that various units are not communicating with stakeholders in a positive way. Would it be possible to have each unit attend a compulsory “business communication” course?
- Concerns about miscommunication with regard to internal audits.
- Possibility of going to an Official Online Catalog instead of a “Spring catalog”

Discussion Topics for the Provost

- How will information in the faculty profile system be used to compare faculty?
- Discuss the concern about the need for rapid submissions of courses into the core
- New process for selecting Regents Professor

VII. Draft Faculty Senate Agenda for April 8, 2009: The agenda was presented and approved.

VIII. Chair’s Report: (1) Provost wants each College to define what satisfactory means. (2) The policy about academic integrity will not be ready before the April Faculty Senate Meeting. Possibly by May there will be a Code of Student Conduct which will align with a UNT policy change regarding academic integrity. (3) The Writing Committee should vote and select winners for Honor’s Day. It may not be possible to get the award checks ready by this date.

IX. Unfinished Business.

- a. Draft charges for the LGBT Committee were distributed and discussed. John Windsor made a motion to accept the charges which were presented and James Swan seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Reapportionment – An amended reapportionment of the Faculty Senate was presented with 2 changes to accommodate the Psychology department and will be presented at the April 8th FS meeting as an amendment to the 1st reading.
- c. Core Curriculum – Courses must be approved by the UCC in June in order to get to the first Faculty Senate Meeting in fall 2009.

X. New Business:

- a. Charter/Bylaw Changes – We will need to make changes to the charter/bylaws to amend the ongoing chairs and lecturer changes. Jose Perez was absent so we will delay this discussion.
- b. Nominate three people to serve on the Student Publications Committee (NT Daily Board).
- c. Request for UNT planning authority - Terry Clower and Beth Thomsett-Scott will discuss this with the President before bringing this forward for discussion.

- d. Beth Thomsett-Scott will provide a list of faculty who might serve on a Provost Committee regarding faculty discipline policy changes.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.