APPROVED AND CORRECTED MINUTES

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ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
April 18, 2018


Absent: Hobson Wildenthal, Gary Bolton, Thomas Brikowski, Chris Davis, Eric Farrar, Todd Fechter, Gopal Gupta, Dohyeong Kim, Blair Miller, BPS Murthi, Won Namgoong, Mehrdad Nourani, Smeon Ntafos, Tres Thompson,

Visitors: Shannon Cepica, Eric Chen, Naomi Emmet, Frank Feagans, Gene Fitch, Serenity King, Abby Kratz, Michele Lockhart, Jennifer McDowell, Clint Peinhardt, Bill Pervin, Nicole Piquero, Scott Simpson, Amanda Smith, Marion Underwood, J. W. Van Der Schans

1. Call to Order for the Academic Senate Meeting
   President Benson called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. The new Vice President for Research has been selected but not officially announced. President Benson officially thanked Rafael Martin for his hard work as the Interim Vice President. President Benson opened the floor to questions. There were none.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Richard Scotch moved to approve the agenda. Andrew Blanchard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes
   Andrew Blanchard moved to amend the student government report to note that the noted photographs in the minutes were actually an artist’s conception, and to approve the amended minutes. Richard Scotch seconded. The motion carried.

4. Speaker’s Report – Murray Leaf
   Nothing to report. All items are on the agenda.

5. SACSCOC Reaffirmation Updates – Serenity King
   The final version of the report has not been released yet, but a draft was circulated to the provost’s office. One of the two findings requires a new policy to be drafted and taken through the Academic
Governance process. This issue must be addressed by August, which means the process must be completed during the month of May. Otherwise a special called meeting of the Senate would be required during the summer. The discussion has started in CUE and Graduate Council, and a draft will be ready for the May Committee on Educational Policy meeting.

6. **FAC Report – Murray Leaf and David Cordell**
The next FAC meeting will be April 17-18th 2018. Additional reports will follow the meeting.

7. **Student Government Report- J. W. Van Der Schans and Eric Chen**
The ‘take one, leave one’ book shelf in the student union is progressing. They are continuing accepting donations from anyone who has a book or textbook that feels it would benefit students. SG is working with the UTD Tech Store to have tech vending machine installed across campus during the summer. The front desk of the residential life office will now carry Band-Aids for students. During finals week, Starbucks and Papa John’s will remain open until 2 AM for late night studying students. This will be a pilot program, which they hope to expand in the future. Lastly, Mr. Van Der Schans introduced the FY 19 Student Government President Eric Chen.

8. **CEP Recommendations— Clint Peinhardt**
   A. Undergraduate Degree Plan Review
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the undergraduate degree plans. The motion carried.

   B. Graduate Degree Plan Review
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the graduate degree plans. The motion carried.

   C. New Program- Major in Latin American Studies
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the new Major in Latin American Studies. The motion carried unanimously.

   D. New Program- Minor in Spanish
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the new Minor in Spanish. The motion carried unanimously.

   E. New Program- New Minor in Latin American Studies
      Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve the new Minor in Latin American Studies. The motion carried unanimously.

   F. Bioengineering Admissions Change Approval for Catalog Changes to Reflect Changes in Admission Requirements Previously (2016-17) Approved by Faculty.
      The GPA requirement was lowered from 3.3 to 3.0 in upper division course work and the GRE requirement to a revised scale score of 3 on the analytical writing component. This makes the GPA equal the university standard. Clint Peinhardt moved on the behalf of CEP to approve change in GPA. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **UTD and TXCFS DACA Resolutions- Dr. Leaf**
   University of Texas at Dallas –
"The Academic Senate of the University of Texas at Dallas endorses the resolution on DACA of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates. It is the sense of the Senate of the University of Texas at Dallas that all students pursuing their education in the United States under the provisions of DACA should be allowed to complete their education. The Senate further recommends that their status should be regularized through legislation and should include a path to citizenship."

Texas Council of Faculty Senates –
The members of Texas Council of Faculty Senates remain committed to serve their students regardless of national origin. We recommend that all students in the United States of America under the provisions of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) be provided a pathway to citizenship by legislation.

Robert Ackerman moved to accept the UTD and TXCPS resolution concerning the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration policy. Nadine Connell seconded. The motion carried with three abstentions.

10. Teaching Relief Policy for Faculty who are New Parents- Erin Smith
Erin Smith, Abby Kratz, Colleen Dutton created the initial draft. The policy draft was further reviewed by the Deans Council. The Committee for the Support of Diversity and Equity moved to forward the teaching relief policy to the Administration. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the policy is included in appendix A.

11. Revisions to UTDDP1025- Campus Facilities Committee Charge
Staff and Students were added to the committee charge and the word “complaints” was replaced with “concerns”. The Campus Facilities Committee moved to approve the amended charge. The motion carried.

12. Revisions to International Travel Policy- Imperio Shanks
Imperio Shanks from the International Center presented a new policy that is in line with the UT System International Policy. In January 2018 the State Department changed their travel warning system to a 12 point system. Those two events necessitate the creation of a university wide International Travel Policy. And amendment of “...as defined on the travel website...” be added to the policy to clarify what travel the policy applies. The International Oversight committee moved to approve the amended policy. The motion carried.

13. Revisions to UTDDP1092- International Oversight Committee- Imperio Shanks
Some State Department guidelines were updated. The International Oversight Committee charge was updated to reflect those changes. The committee moved to approve the updated committee charge. Monica Bruscello seconded. The motion carried.

14. Approval of Spring 2018 Graduates- Bill Hefley
Bill Hefley moved that:

These students have applied for graduation and have been reviewed by the Office of Records. The Office of Records has declared that all of these students will be eligible for graduation upon the completion of the current semester’s work at the necessary levels. I request, therefore, that the Faculty Senate certify these students to graduate upon receipt of final grades, and notification of completion of other requirements, provided that the grades are consistent with the standards for graduation prescribed by this University. I also request that the Faculty Senate certify those students designated as eligible to graduate with honors upon completion of coursework and requirements consistent with the standards for honors at the levels offered by this University. The motion carried.
Bill Hefley moved that:

These students have applied for graduate degrees and have been reviewed by the Graduate Dean. The Graduate Dean certifies that all of these students will be eligible for the degrees indicated upon satisfactory completion of the current semester’s work. I request, therefore, that the Academic Senate certify these students to receive the degrees as indicated upon receipt of final grades and notification of completion of other requirements, provided that the grades received are consistent with the standards for credit prescribed by this University. The motion carried.

15. Revision to the Charge for the Charge for the University Accessibility Committee- Dr. Leaf
Dr. Leaf called for a motion to add a representative from the Library to the membership. Joe Izen moved to approve the revision to the charge. Richard Scotch seconded. The motion carried.

16. Resolution to create a University of Texas System Task Force on Methane Emissions From Hydraulic Fracturing Operations on University Lands - Dr. Leaf
This is a motion to support the actions of the UT Austin Academic Council. Joe Izen moved to support the resolution. Ravi Prakash seconded. The motion carried.

17. Membership of the 3+3+3+3 Work Load Policy Committee - Dr. Leaf
Hasan Pirkul, Poras Balsa, and Todd Fechtner were recommended as the Dean representatives. Stephen Spiro, Jennifer Holmes and Shayla Holub were recommended as the Non-Dean Administrator representatives. Ramaswamy Chandrasekaran, John Sibert, and Nils Roemer were recommended as the Tenure Track representatives. Bill Hefley, Sabrina Starnman, and Jill Duquaine-Watson were recommended as the Non-tenure track representatives. Richard Scotch moved to approve the appointments to the 3+3+3+3 Work Load Policy Committee. Kurt Beron seconded. The motion carried.

18. Adjournment
There being no further business, President Benson adjourned the meeting at 2:09 PM.

APPROVED: [Signature]

DATE: 10/4/2018

Murray Leaf,
Speaker of the Faculty