

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate December 12, 2007

In Attendance: James Evans, Helen Sorenson, David Vines, Bennett Amaechi, Barry Norling, Keith Krolick, Mark Nadeau, Krista Bowers, Rajeshwar Rao Tekmmal, Margaret Brackley, Mickey Parsons

Absent: Catherine Ortega, Peter Gakunga, Ronald Verrett, William Clark, William Morgan, Renee Yew, Deborah Baruch-Bienen, Sally Combest, Christopher Franka, Daniel Johnson, Robert Nolan, Leticia Vargas, Rebecca Garcia-Michels, Catherine Robichaux

Guests: Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration
Mr. Michael Black, Senior Executive VP and COO
Charles Hubbard, Computing Resources

Convened: 4:05 PM

University Topics: Updates

Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration

1) Nursing School (from Dr. Froman)

Completed the revision of the Faculty by-laws and the recommended changes will be passed along to the President.

2) Graduate School (from Dr. Olson)

Dr. Cigarroa is currently visiting with faculty groups in the Graduate School to gain some insights into effective ways to recruit for a new Dean. A search committee will be appointed in the near future.

Searches for new chairs for CSBL and Molecular Medicine are moving forward. However, there may be delays due to the planned retirement of the Dean.

3) SACS accreditation process is going very well. We were asked to provide more information on 8 of 84 standards and have responded.

4) The upgrade to eCV will allow new formats to be created. They are considering creating faculty profiles which could aid in location faculty with similar research interest. Some concern was voiced that this should not be made accessible to the public.

University Topics: Perceptions of the Future

Mr. Michael Black, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Black discussed some of the observations that he has made since his arrival.

- He is the chair of the space committee and has walked through all of the areas of the health science center. There is more space available than what everyone realizes. We must do a better job of using all the space that is available to us on the various campuses.
- He was concerned about the deferred maintenance on the buildings that has not been done. This must be addressed as soon as possible.
- Administration needs to be transparent and is willing to discuss flow and spending of funds with the Senate.
- The schools and administrative offices are in silos. We need to look at the health sciences centers core values, let these principles guide our actions, and then work together.
- Schools and departments need to perform SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis when assessing opportunities for growth.
- Human resources now reports to Mr. Black and he has created a new Vice President position to lead this department. He is currently accepting applications.
- Mr Black has been very busy with the transitioning of the CTRC into the health science center.
- He also thought that we should think of the Library of the future as one that is more electronic.

Computer Security and the Status of the SafeBoot Initiative

Mr. Charles Hubbard, Computing Resources

All laptop computers purchased must have Safeboot as of July 15th. Please send a requests for Safeboot to purchasing when ordering a computer. The cost is \$55 per computer.

Safeboot allows for both device and content encryption to prevent sensitive data from being viewed if the laptop is stolen.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.