

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate January 10, 2007

In Attendance: Drs. Amaechi, Brackley, Evans, Geelhoed, Krolick, Meltz, Morgan, Parsons, Robichaux, Sorenson, Tekmal, Vines.

Absent: Drs. Baruch-Bienen, Clarke, Kahlenberg, Lam, Nolan, Norling, Plastino, Ruzicka, Vargas, Verrett, Wright, Yew.

Guests: Dr. Theresa Chiang  
Vice President for Academic Administration

Dr. Brian Herman  
Vice President for Research

Dr. Mary Moore  
Director of Libraries

Convened: 4:00 PM

## **University Updates**

Dr. Theresa Chiang  
Vice President for Academic Administration

## **Promotion & Tenure Workshops**

Dr. Chiang reminded the Faculty Senate of plans for the 2007 Faculty P & T workshops. She requested the Senate's help in publicizing this event which was very successful last year (as judged by the brisk attendance and positive responses received from participants via evaluations implemented by the organizers). The two workshops are scheduled for 12:00-2:00 PM on Thursday, January 25, 2007 (emphasizing issues of importance to non-tenure-track faculty) and 12:00-2:00 PM on Friday, February 2, 2007 (emphasizing issues of importance to tenure-track faculty). Similar to last year, a coalition of faculty organizations, together with the office of the Vice President for Academic Administration, are organizing these workshops so as to give opportunities for some of our senior faculty to provide guidance and mentorship to our junior faculty regarding strategies for successfully seeking promotion and/or tenure. The chair of the Senate's Faculty Welfare subcommittee (Dr. Ben Amaechi) is responsible for much of the organization of the workshops. Further information can be obtained from Connie Hamilton Morris: ([HAMILTONC@uthscsa.edu](mailto:HAMILTONC@uthscsa.edu)).

## **Wellness/Fitness Center**

Dr. Chiang announced that a Wellness/Fitness Center will open on Medical Drive at the Bluff Creek Tower location on 1/31/07. This is, in part, in response to information

collected from our student body. At the present, student fees will support the facility. It will be open to faculty and staff only if Deans agree to contribute. Students were assessed for the need for such a program.

## **Assigning Credit for Sponsored Research**

Dr. Brian Herman

Vice President for Research

Dr. Herman discussed the new policy on assigning credit for sponsored research..See policy described below. Among other things, it will be used for space allocation determinations and if future F& A funds are returned to faculty/department.

## **Assigning Appropriate Credit for Sponsored Research Activities**

**Background.** <http://www.uthscsa.edu/research/creditforresearch.pdf>

Consistent with one of the primary objectives of the National Institutes of Health Roadmap, faculty at the Health Science Center (HSC) continue to expand their research activities from those conducted by a single investigator to multi-investigator and/or multidisciplinary programs. In addition, the HSC recognizes that many research activities are organized around a Center and outside the boundaries of the traditional academic department. However, it is also important to recognize the primary department of an investigator in reporting our research activities. Consequently, there is a need to further segment our traditional reporting of award and expenditure activity to recognize multi-investigators, multiple departments, and Center activities.

### **Policy.**

The HSC has developed a “credit for all sponsored research activity” policy that will go into effect September 1, 2006, that will externally credit each department in which an investigator holds a primary faculty appointment and internally credit both the department and center affiliation of each faculty member both tenure and non-tenure track. Credit for individual investigators on multi-investigator projects will be apportioned on a departmental, school, and, separately, on a center basis and will be made on the basis of intellectual contribution, resource allocations, expenditures, or the like. The only exceptions to this policy will be those projects that have traditionally required multiple project ids (accounts) for individual activities. Examples of these projects would be those funded through the NIH P-mechanism. For those projects that traditionally allocate credit through the use of multiple project ids (accounts), credit will continue to accrue on a project id basis.

### **Implementation and Procedures.**

Implementation of this policy will require that, where applicable, an assignment of credit on a percentage basis will be made either at the time of proposal submission or, if a formal proposal is not submitted, at the time of award. The current Certificate of Proposal (COP) will be modified to allow for such apportionment based upon agreement

at the time of proposal submission between the appropriate department chairs in consultation with the faculty investigators. In addition, where there are Center affiliations or memberships, these will also be noted on the COP and recognized separately. The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) will record the apportionment and use it to allocate award and expenditure data to primary departments as well as Centers. Once implemented, the current awards and expenditures reports issued by OSP will be issued in three formats. The first will present the data as it is currently being presented: awards will be credited to the primary department of the investigator named on the award. The second will recognize apportionment by academic department based on the intellectual contribution agreed upon at time of COP approval. The third will report only those award and expenditure data attributable to Centers.

### **Library Renovation**

Dr. Mary Moore  
Director of Libraries

Dr. Moore discussed the proposed plans for needed library renovation activities. Funding may limit these endeavors. She requests comment on library renovation from any interested faculty. Send comments to Dr. Krolick.

Adjourned at 5 PM