

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate November 14, 2007

In Attendance: James Evans, Catherine Ortega, David Vines, Barry Norling, Ronald Verrett, William Clark, Keith Krolick, William Morgan, Renee Yew, Daniel Johnson, Mark Nadeau, Krista Bowers, Rajeshwar Rao Tekmmal, Margaret Brackley, Rebecca Garcia-Michels, Mickey Parsons

Absent: Helen Sorenson, Bennett Amaechi, Peter Gakunga, Deborah Baruch-Bienen, Sally Combest, Christopher Franka, Robert Nolan, Leticia Vargas, Catherine Robichaux

Guests: Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration
Mary Etlinger Delay, Chief of Staff Office of the Assistant Vice President
Information Management President and Chief Communications Officer
Dr. David Cappelli, Chair Institutional Committee on Committees
Ms. Judith Colver, MMS, PA-C, Chair Library Committee
Dr. Rich Holt, Medical Faculty Assembly

Convened: 4:00 PM

University Topics: Updates

Dr. Theresa Chiang
Vice President for Academic Administration

1) From Allied Health

The University of Texas System Board of Regents has approved a new doctoral degree program in Physical Therapy at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The program must still receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Under the new degree plan, the planned doctorate in physical therapy would replace the current master's program at the Health Science Center.

2) From Nursing School

We received \$686,547 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in resource funding. This is the second highest figure in the state. Texas Tech received more at \$702,151. The next highest amount was \$304,000.

We will be immediately investing the funds into hiring new faculty to increase our undergraduate enrollment by 20% starting in January, and opening a women's health concentration in our nurse practitioner program for the fall (6 to 7 additional students will be accommodated). The funds were awarded as an incentive to increase/improve graduation rates.

- 4) Mission Statement – Our mission statement has been made more succinct. It has been approved by the Board of Regents, and is on its way to the Coordinating Board, for approval.

The mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to:

- **Educate a diverse student body to become excellent health care providers and scientists.**
- **Engage in biomedical research focused on seeking information fundamental to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease.**
- **Provide compassionate and culturally competent state-of-the-art clinical care**
- **Enhance community health awareness, education and practices thereby improving the wellness of the citizenry.**

Approved by the EC on April 10, 2007
Officially approved by the UT Board of Regents on Nov. 9, 2007

- 5) Dean of Nursing search is continuing.
- 6) Dr. Merle Olson, Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, has announced his intentions to retire as of August 1, 2008. President Cigarroa is currently engaging in discussions with department chairs and department faculties with regard to the appointing members of the search committee for a new dean.
- 7) From the Library. Due to popular demand, regular library hours have been extended:

Monday-Thursday	7:00 am - 12:00 midnight
Friday	7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - 12:00 midnight

During Fall semester exams, the library will be open 24 hours except during the Thanksgiving holiday. 24/7 access continues until Friday, December 14 at 6:00 pm. During these extended hours, only the Library's 3rd floor will be open to UTHSCSA badge holders.

Campus Emergency Readiness; HSC Alert

Ms. Mary Etlinger Delay,
Chief of Staff Office of the President and Chief Communications Officer

Ms. Delay discussed the HSC Alert which is a system that alerts you of HSC emergency or imminent campus closure via text message to your phone or pager, or e-mail. This is an "opt-in" service. Signing up for HSC Alert at <http://inside.uthscsa.edu>; then click on

the “services tab” and look for “HSC Alert”. After entering the requested information, a text message will be sent to your phone which will contain a code that needs to be entered to finalize your enrollment into the system.

Status of the Standing Committee System

Dr. David Cappelli
Chair, Institutional Committee on Committees

The Charge of the UTHSCSA Committee on Committees is to identify qualified members of the UTHSCSA faculty and staff for purposes of recommending their appointment to standing institutional committees for which there are vacancies. Recommendations for appointment to standing committees are made to the President of the UTHSCSA. The COC is responsible for periodically reviewing existing committees so that appropriate recommendations can be made to the UTHSCSA President with regard to changes, additions, or deletions affecting the role, scope, and structure of those committees. The following individuals are members of the committee:

Patricia A. Brewer	School of Allied Health Sciences
Bruce W. Butterfras	School of Allied Health Sciences
David P. Cappelli, Chair	Dental School
Daniel L. Dent	Medical School
Robert G. Hart	Medical School
Karl Keiser	Dental School
Janna Lesser	School of Nursing
Linda J. Porter	School of Nursing
Maharaj K. Ticku	Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Susan E. Weintraub	Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Ex Officio:
Jaymie Balboa	Office of the VP for Governmental Relations
Bonnie Blankmeyer	Executive Director, EEO/AA
Theresa Y Chiang	Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ola Hudgins	Office of the AVP for Business Affairs
Robert A. Kaminski	Assistant VP, Academic Administration
Pamela L. Larsen	Past Chair, Committee on Committees
Jan M. Wilson	Associate Dean

The policy governing COC activity is HOP, Policy 1.5.1. Oversight is provided to the following committees (<http://www.uthscsa.edu/comm/commlist.html>):

Biosafety Committee, Campus Health and Wellness Committee, Chemical Safety Committee, Committee for the Advancement of Women and Minorities, Computing Resources Committee, Faculty Promotion, Tenure and Appointments Committee, Infection Policy and Education Committee, International Relations Committee, Library Committee, Parking and Traffic Safety Committee, Physical Safety Committee, Radiation Safety Committee, Radioactive Drug Research Committee, and Student Health Advisory Committee.

The following Institutional committees are not under COC oversight: Audit and Compliance Committee, Committee on Committees, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Institutional Review Board, ADA Coordinating Committee, and Conflict of Interest Committee.

Committee on committee members are elected by the faculty, usually in November. The process of identifying new standing committee members includes a request and review of reports from the chairs of each standing committee. COC begins meeting in early February to meet with standing committee chairs and discuss successes, challenges, recommendations for improvement. At about the same time, a campus-wide request for volunteers for committee service is sent out. COC identifies appropriate faculty members to serve on standing committees based upon the expertise needed for the committee in relation to the expertise and experience of the individuals who volunteer. Recommendations for committee appointments go to the President. A final report is sent to the Executive Committee.

Commendations:

- The Standing Committee System is operational and effective
- Improvements were noted in the numbers of faculty participating (*i.e.*, numbers of Applications)
- Noted support from Administration in committee operations
Dr. Michael Charlton
Mr. James Kazen

Recommendations:

- Need to address the lack of a comprehensive Occupational Health/Occupational Medicine Program at UTHSCSA
- Communication between Committees and Administration can be improved
- Need increased and stable support for the Library

Status of the Library

Ms. Judith Colver, MMS, PA-C
Chair, Library Committee

The library committee serves in an advisory role. The library is currently searching for a library director. The library hours will be extended during finals week. (The 3rd Floor can be accessed 24/7). The library is currently conducting a utilization survey to determine what users want or need. The current renovations planned for the Library include moving more computers to the 3rd floor, adding 3 new classrooms on the second floor, the 4th floor will be used by the Academic Center for Excellence in Teaching (ACET), and the 5th floor will have a temperature and humidity controlled room for the historical collections.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.