

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate
October 14, 2009**

In Attendance: Bennett Amaechi, Yidong Bai, Allison Beck, Peter Gakunga, Nandini Ghosh-Choudhury, Barry Norling, Keith Krolick, Daniel Johnson, Mark Nadeau, and Rajeshwar Rao Tekmal, V Sreenath Reddy, Mark Soucy and Brent Shriver

Absent: Kaparaboyana Kumar, Donna Gardner, Joe Conner, Sally Combest, Christopher Franka, Catherine Ortega, Qitao Ran, James Roberts, Margaret Brackley, Krista Bowers, Diana Beckmann-Mendez, Sara Gill.

Convened: 4:15 PM

University Topics: Updates

Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration

1. The Library second floor has been remodeled to accommodate the growing needs of new classroom space. A tour will be arranged for the next meeting.
2. The HSC is working to address tuition/fee issues, there may be increases proposed. The HSC is still waiting on guidance from the System as to whether there is any expectation or limitation the institution needs to take into account when proposing increases.
3. UT Board of Regents commissioned a HSC-UTSA merger study with a panel of experts. The Board asked for the final report by June 1, 2010. It is the expectation of the Board that the experts will consult with faculty/staff and students on the issue.
4. Dental School has appointed Dr. Adriana Segura as the Associate Dean for Student Affairs effective November 1, 09. Dr. David Cappelli will be the interim Chair of Community Dentistry effective November 1, 2009.

Updates on Campus services

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

1. Human Resources is undergoing re-organization, especially in the area of recruitment. HR is having discussion with each school, the Deans and Departmental chairs regarding this.
2. The HSC is working to provide childcare facilities within the campus. The HSC is currently talking with a private consultancy firm, Bright Horizon, who recently had interviews with representatives from key groups in the campus including the Faculty Senate. Several factors being considered includes time of operation, joint utilization with neighboring facilities such as Methodist, etc, include of elderly care, means of sponsorship using USAA and Valero as a model.
3. The renovation of the Star Café operated by ARAMAK has been completed. The café looks pretty good now.

4. A town Hall meeting will be organized to discuss the flow of funds coming into the HSC such as the state funds, Facilities & Administrative funds from research grants, etc.
5. The response to the search for the dean of the medical school is amazing. The search committee is narrowing down the number for interview.

The safety and security of the campus by the Behavior Intervention Team

Joseph C. Kobos, Director, Counseling Service and Professor of Psychiatry

Dr. Kobos, the Chair of the Behavioral Intervention Team described the functions of his team. The team manages the HSC Counseling Service with office located in room 101F of the Medical School Building, phone (210) 567 2648. The services provided by this office include Academic difficulties, Career issues, Personal problems, and substance abuse. Also under the management of this team is the UT Advantage providing faculty and staff assistance as well as worklife solutions to HSC community. He urged every member of the HSC community to visit the team website for a wealth of information ranging from how to respond to a crisis or violence to resources for prevention of crisis/violence, including important emergency call numbers.

Interprofessional Education/Training

Dr. Marilyn S. Harrington, Dean, School of Health Professions
Jan Patterson, Chief, VA Medical Service

The charge on the newly formed workgroup in Interprofessional Education and Training was described by Dr. Marilyn Harrington. Membership of this group comes from all sections of the campus including the School of Public Health. The faculty Senate will be updated on work of this group from time to time.

Other Senate Business

The Governance Committee of the Faculty Senate will be reviewing the present Conflict of Commitment policy to come up with any suggestion for amendment deemed necessary for the interest of the faculty members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.