

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
September 9, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Bennett Amaechi, Yidong Bai, Allison Beck, Diana Beckmann-Mendez, Krista Bowers, Margaret Brackley, Joe Conner, Peter Gakunga, Donna Gardner, Sara Gill, Nandini Ghosh-Choudhury, Barry Norling, Keith Krolick, Kaparaboyana Kumar, Daniel Johnson, Mark Nadeau, and Rajeshwar Rao Tekmal, and Brent Shriver

**Absent:** Sally Combest, Christopher Franka, Mark Nadeau, Catherine Ortega, Qitao Ran, James Roberts, V Sreenath Reddy

**Guests:** Dr. Mickey Parsons, Professor, Acute Care Nursing  
Ms. Jane Youngers, Assistant Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs

Convened: 4:05 PM

**University Topics: Updates**

Dr. Theresa Chiang, VP for Academic Administration

Presentation was cancelled due to HSC Executive Committee retreat. Dr. Chiang will be on the agenda for the October meeting of the Senate.

**Leadership Awards Ceremony –**

**Administration Leadership Award was presented to Ms. Jane Youngers , Assistant Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs by Drs. Ellen Kraig and Bettie Sue Masters who said** “It is our pleasure to introduce Jane Youngers, a most deserving recipient of the 2009 Administration Leadership Award. The UTHSCSA was extremely fortunate that Ms. Youngers joined us in 1996 as the Director of the Office of Grants Management; she has been an outstanding leader and the now Office of Sponsored Programs is widely recognized for its professionalism and willingness to serve the faculty. For example, OSP has reasonable submission deadlines, yet even when we are late, they do their very best to be accommodating. This is service with a capital "S". Jane leads by example and her office functions up to her very high standards. Jane works hard and is always willing to go the extra mile, both for her staff and for the faculty. As one colleague put it, she is "professionalism with a smile". In her acceptance remarks, Jane Youngers thanked us for this recognition and said, “You, the faculty, are who we are here to serve and it is our pleasure to do so.”

**Faculty Leadership Award** was presented to Dr. Mickey Parsons, Professor, Department of Acute Care Nursing, by Dr. Margaret Brackley. Dr. Brackley stated that Dr. Parsons was recognized for her leadership within the HSC as a Senator and Faculty, as well as her leadership in the community around helping our local health systems reach Magnet Status (for information see-

**<http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Magnet/ProgramOverview.aspx>**). This is an important area for growth in the HSC’s teaching, practice missions as well as for the

local community's health care improvement. Dr. Parsons is widely known for her research on developing healthy workplace initiatives in health systems, locally, nationally and internationally, and addressing the nursing shortage. She has been instrumental in seeking and receiving funds to help the community meet its goals in health care.

**Review of Schools Senate representatives/Senate Committee appointments-** Dr. Amechi reviewed the roster of Senators noting that several slots are still vacant. The Committees within the Senate along with members and leaders were presented (see attached).

**Open Discussion with Suggested Topics for the Senate to work on this year followed.**

**Interprofessional Education/Training-**A suggestion to invite Drs. Marilyn Harrington and Jan Patterson to inform the senate about the newly formed workgroup in Interprofessional Education and Training. The senate is interested in the group's charge and how the senate can help facilitate this effort.

**UT System Teaching Academy** -Dr. Patricia Brewer, Chair Academy of Master Teachers, reminded Senators that the Senate is one of three sources of nominations for the UT System Teaching Academy. Nominations are due now. It was suggested that nominees from last year should be asked if they want to be nominated again? Applications are quite lengthy and due September 18, 2009. On suggestion was to put the nomination process on the Senate agenda for next July so we can have more time to seek nominees. The Academy of Master Teachers has members who have been successful in their applications who can help faculty nominees with this process. Another Suggestion was to put Senate meetings on the University Calendar along with the meeting locations so that faculty can find and attend Senate meetings. A reminder that issues that people feel that Senate might be interested in or should address send to the Senate Chair, Dr. Ben Amaechi or any one of the Senators.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.