

# UHD Faculty Senate

Minutes recorded by: Sandra Dahlberg

March 21, 2017; 2:30-3:50pm

Room A300

**Attendance:** Julio Canedo Soto, Luis Cedeno, Michael Connell, Travis Crone, Sandra Dahlberg, Michael Duncan, Trevor Hale, Jillian Hill, Pamela Hurley, Ruth Johnson, Robin Jose, Stephanie Karas, Karen Kaser, Cynthia Lloyd, Kendra Mhoon, Creshema Murray, Mitsue Nakamura, JoAnn Pavletich, Anand Pore, Azar Rejaie, Jacqueline Sack, Clete Snell, Benjamin Soibam, Michael Tobin, Edwin Tecarro, Hsiao-Ming Wang, Joan Wedes, Pat Williams, Zhenyu Zhang.

**Regrets:** None

**Absent:** Anne Kane, Keith Wright.

**Guests:** Ed Hugetz, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs; Faiza Khoja, AVP Academic Affairs; Tyra Hessel, Ombuds; Lisa Berry, UHD Library.

**Call to Order:** The Senate was called to order at 2:30pm by Senate President Carolyn Ashe.

## Minutes

Minutes of the Senate meeting on March 7, 2017 were unanimously approved as amended.

## Comments/Updates

### Provost Hugetz

Hugetz announced that Michael Dressman will serve as UHD Ombuds while Tyra Hessel is on leave; Dressman served previously as UHD Ombuds. Hessel announced that her out-of-office email message will provide Dressman's contact information.

On March 29, UHD will hold an event with Lone Star Northwest to renew articulation agreements and meet with advisors in order to streamline transfers from Lone Star to UHD.

Hugetz announced that the legislature is considering a funding proposal that would balance cuts from Special Items and Formula Funding that would result in funding cuts of at least 6% but no more than 10% as part of a reallocation of those funds. In this proposal, UHD is the only university in the UH System that would have to relinquish funds (as would Texas A & M).

## Old Business

### Faculty Senate Constitution Revision

Duncan, chair of the committee to revise the Senate Constitution, led the Senate through the proposed changes to the Senate Constitution, and answered questions about the proposed changes. Some of the wording was discussed by the Senate, and wording changes appear in the final draft. Senators made no substantive changes to the committee's draft. Cenedo moved and Canedo seconded to take a vote to approve the Senate Constitution. Motion passed unanimously. The Senate then voted unanimously to approve the revisions to the Senate Constitution, and send the Constitution to the Faculty Assembly for approval.

### **Reminders**

Ashe reminded senators to review the APC policies distributed by David Ryden and respond via Qualtrics by March 31.

Ashe announced that the RSVP deadline for the UFEC Conference speaker is March 22. Please announce to your students. A sign-in sheet will be provided. The conference is on March 31.

Ashe reminded Senators that the Faculty Awards Ceremony is on April 18.

### **Old Business Continued**

#### **FSEC Survey**

Hale announced that 120 respondents participated in the Qualtrics survey about workload and rank and tenure processes. The results regarding rank and tenure processes were decidedly mixed with nearly equal results for leaving as is and adding provisions for only full professors to vote on associates going up for promotion to full professor. Although Hale displayed the results on the screen, it was hard to see clearly making any serious discussion difficult. Therefore, the survey results will be sent to all senators and revisited at the next Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

The next Senate meeting is on April 4, 2017.