UHD
Faculty Senate

Minutes recorded by: Trevor S. Hale
Date and Time: March 3, 2015 2:30 PM
Room Number: A300

Attendance: Susan Henney (President), Ryan Pepper (President-Elect) Trevor Hale (Past-President/Secretary), Kirk Hagen, Susan Baker, Jillian Hill, Jane Creighton, Plamen Simeonov, Rachna Sadana, Ruth Johnson, Claude Rubinson, Steven Coy, Angela Lopez Pedrana, Sam Penkar, Charles Smith, Dvijesh Shastri, Bernardo Pohl

Guests: Carol Manousos, Pat Ensor, Robert Jarrett, Lisa Berry, Karen Kaser, Chris McCall, Dagmar Scharold, Mary Torres, Ed Hugetz, David Bradley, Jose Alvarez

Regrets: N/A

Absent: Pat Williams, Cindy Stewart, Jonathan Davis, Kendra Mhoon, Judith Quander, Maria Benavides, Utpal Bose, Steve Zhou, Hsiao-Ming Wang, Katharine Jager

Call to Order: 2:35 PM

Meeting minutes: Motion made and seconded to accept the February 21 Faculty Senate Meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

Review of previous action items: N/A

Meeting Proceedings:

Announcements:

1. Writing Center Director, Dagmar Scharold, gave a brief synopsis of upcoming Writing Center Workshops.
2. Faculty Senate Past President, Trevor Hale, gave a brief synopsis of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting in Austin. Some highlights include:
   a. The UH System contingent included UHD Faculty Senate Past President, Trevor Hale, UH Faculty Senate President, Wynne Chin, UH Faculty Senate President-elect, Jonathan Snow, UHV Faculty Senate Past President Ron Salazar, UHCL Faculty Senate President, Chris Ward, and UHCL Faculty Senate President-elect, Jana Willis.
   b. A "Thank You!" to UH Faculty Senate President, Wynne Chin, for hosting the "UH-System Wine Tasting Party" on Friday night in his suite. With the help of a few Faculty Senators from Texas A&M (Jim Woosley and John Coopersmith), the UH System faculty drafted a resolution (more on that below in section “f”) that passed unanimously during the TCFS business meeting on Saturday.
c. Texas Tribune Editor (and co-founder) Ross Ramsey made a presentation and articulated about what goes on during the legislature's 140 days every two years.

d. A panel on collegiality and bullying the academy was informative and to the point as was the history of the AAUP presentation by Peter Hugill.

e. The keynote speaker on Friday was State Representative Tom Clardy (District 11 - Nacogdoches). He sits on the Higher Education Committee, the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee, as well as the (actually very powerful) Calendar Committee. He noted the four things that will take up an inordinate amount of this legislature's time will be selling whiskey at Wal-Mart (both groups have hired lobbying firms and a Donnybrook will ensue), Tesla offering cars over the internet (again, both groups have hired lobbying firms and a Donnybrook will ensue), Uber providing cab service in Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas (again, both groups have hired lobbying firms and a Donnybrook will ensue), and (of course) open carry on campus (and, again, both groups have hired lobbying firms and a Donnybrook will ensue). The upshot is of passing all this is you'd then be able to open carry your gun to campus, while chugging down Wal-Mart whiskey, in a Tesla Model S Uber taxi ride that the driver bought over the internet.

f. Saturday morning consisted of the Round Up Report mash-up by Professor Leaf of UT-Dallas followed by the TCFS business meeting. During the business meeting the entire UH-System contingent with the assistance of the two Texas A&M - College Station faculty senators in attendance put forth a resolution that basically applauded Governor Abbott's stance on higher education during his State of the State address a few weeks ago. The resolution passed unanimously and is headed to the five major newspapers in the state as an official press release from the TCFS.

g. A straw poll at the business meeting showed unanimous support for a Provost/President panel to address successes...and failures...of shared governance. Immediately, the UH System contingent "volunteered" Ed Hugetz to be a member of that panel.

h. Lastly, Wynne and Jonathan of UH offered to jump-start UFEC and work on its effectiveness for the common good of the system universities.
Presentation on Parking Garage from Mary Torres, Director, University Business Services:

1. Marty Torres provided an update on the Girard Street parking garage.
   a. Should partially open in April.
   b. Parking Fee charges will be increasing significantly (see Slide 9 below).
   c. Director Torres’ presentation slides are included below.
   d. A Senator asked how many spaces the new parking garage will have versus the old parking garage:

   Answer: *The new parking garage will have less parking spaces than the old garage. However, without “buddy spaces” the utilization of parking spaces is expected to be higher. In other words, the number of actual cars in the new parking garage is expected to be greater than the old parking garage.*
Presentation from Carol Manousos, Director of Emergency Management:

1. Director of Emergency Management, Carol Manousos, gave a presentation on Emergency Management at UHD.
   a. Prior to March 2013, an Emergency Management plan did not exist at UHD.
b. Training sessions were provided on April 24, 2014 (General Emergency Management), August 2014 (Faculty Department Lockdowns), and December 2014 (Evacuation Plans).

c. Director Manousos’ presentation slides are included below.
New Business:

1. Faculty Senate President, Susan Henney, proposed language for a resolution from the Faculty Senate opposing campus carry in any form. A motion was made and seconded (Smith/Penkar) to approve the resolution. Discussion followed whereby a motion to amend the language was made and seconded to remove “concealed”, replace “concealed weapons” with “firearms”, and designate the UHD Campus on the resolution. The amendment was voted on and passed unanimously. Subsequently, the original motion was voted on and passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, allowing firearms on the UHD campus threatens our ability to create and maintain a safe, open learning environment for students, faculty and staff,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of the UHD Faculty Senate oppose any legislation or initiatives that will overturn the present prohibitions on carrying firearm on the UHD campus.
1. Dr. Rubinson polled department chairs as to the service workload (how many committees are people serving on, etc.) of the faculty in their department. All departments responded except for MMBA (Dr. Lucille Pointer) and FAEIS (Dr. Chu Nguyen).
   a. The effort is still a work in progress.
   b. The most salient fact was that the faculty at UHD are obviously serving on too many committees.
   c. Current data only includes University and department level committees.
   d. A copy of Dr. Rubinson’s slides are included below.

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**Faculty Service Load Study**

- Have collected data on:
  - Most university-level committees (missing Faculty Awards, CTL, Steering, probably others)
  - Department-level committees (all departments have responded, except FAEIS, MMBA, and CSET)
  - All current faculty and rank
- This data does not include:
  - College-level committees
  - Committees below the department-level
  - Informal and “silent” service

**University-Level Committees**

- 35 university-level committees with 459 positions served by 253 individuals (includes faculty, administrators, staff, and some students)
  - Missing a handful of university-level committees
- 99 department-level committees with 485 positions served by 202 faculty
  - 3 departments have not yet responded
  - R&T only reported for AH, UE, and SOS
  - Missing memberships for a handful of committees
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### Department-level Committee Meetings

- **Next Meeting:** [Date] [Time] [Location]
- **Agenda:** [Agenda topics]
- **Minutes:** [Previous meeting minutes]

### Contact Information

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**Note:** This table is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent actual committee data.
Next meeting:

Because of spring break, the next meeting of the Faculty Senate is to be determined.
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**Adjourn:**

Motion made and seconded (Smith/Coy) to adjourn at 3:59 PM. Motion carried unanimously.