

**UHD FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF 09/05/23**

Location: On Campus and Zoom.

Minutes recorded by: Paul W. Fulbright, UHD Fac. Senate Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate was called to order at 2:30 PM by Faculty Senate President Bernardo Pohl after a quorum was assembled.

**ATTENDANCE**

See the final page of this document for information regarding attendance at this meeting.

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**UH-System Policies Under Consideration**

Dr. Pohl noted that the UH System Board of Regents was soliciting comments regarding three (3) policies (UH System Administration Memoranda or "SAMs"):

- SAM 1.D.18: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives;
- SAM 2.A.29: Ethical Conduct of Employees; and
- SAM 2.A.8: Outside Activities / Interests Disclosures.

Dr. Pohl encouraged Senators to review and comment on the proposed memoranda (and to encourage their constituents to do so as well) and to do this very soon, as the comment periods close within just a few weeks. Emails will be sent to all faculty requesting to provide their comments directly to the UHS Office of Policy.

**Composition of Committees and Task Forces**

Dr. Pohl noted that we still needed three (3) volunteers for the following committees / task forces:

- Faculty Workload Task Force (3 Senators);
- Commencement Graduate Committee (2 Senators); and
- Smoking / Tobacco-Free Campus Task Force (1 Senator).

Volunteers were requested, and the following individuals graciously volunteered to serve:

- Faculty Workload Task Force: Senator Ronald Beebe, Senator Kevin Buckler, and President-Elect Jerry Johnson.
- Commencement Graduate Committee: Senators Diane Miller and Luke Fedell.
- Smoking / Tobacco-Free Campus Task Force: Senator Paul Fortunato.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Faculty Senate had no Secretary at its first meeting on 08/29/23, so no minutes were taken. However, there was no old business to be addressed stemming from that prior meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Lecturer Representative on FSEC**

Dr. Pohl noted a vacant Lecturer Representative position within the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC). Luke Fedell was nominated to serve as the Lecturer Representative on FSEC. Mr. Fedell consented to serve if elected. A vote was conducted, and Mr. Fedell was elected by acclamation.

### **Attendance Modalities for Faculty Senate Meetings**

A motion was made and seconded that, effective immediately, Senators would be expected to attend in person on campus all Faculty Senate meetings each academic year, *provided that* a Senator may attend via Zoom up to two (2) Faculty Senate meetings per academic year for good cause. A vote was conducted, and the motion passed by a vote of 21-3.

It was noted during the discussion and debate over this motion that these modalities represent a commitment by the Senators that is independent of the baseline attendance commitment that is required of each Senator.

### **Attendance Modalities for Faculty Senate Executive Sessions**

A motion was made and seconded that, effective immediately, whenever the Faculty Senate entered into Executive Session, any use of Zoom during such Session would be discontinued. Executive Session can only be attended in person on campus. A vote was conducted, and the motion passed by a vote of 23-1.

## **REPORTS**

### **AVP, Institutional Effectiveness, Strategic Planning, and Assessment**

Dr. Divya Bhatti, UHD's new AVP of Institutional Effectiveness, Strategic Planning, and Assessment, delivered a presentation regarding assessment, accreditation, and strategic planning at UHD.

Topics covered and discussed with the Faculty Senate included: SACSCOC; Shared Governance at UHD; Continuous Improvement; Quality Enhancement Plans; and Assessment Generally.

### **Catering Services Provided by Chartwell**

There was discussion about the overall level of satisfaction with the catering services provided by Chartwell. Specifically, there was discussion regarding: (a) reports of widespread dissatisfaction with the services Chartwell provides; (b) the importance of food service to the student population; (c) the importance of food service to UHD's ability to host events; (d) whether or not Chartwell was providing the same level of service to all of UH System's campuses; (e) who inside UH System "owns" / manages the contractual relationship; (f) whether we could receive a briefing from a lawyer inside UH System about the details of the contract and the options available to UHD for managing the relationship.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The senate meeting ended at 4:00 PM.

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>UHD Faculty Senate - Attendance - OFFICERS, SENATORS</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>On Campus</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Adler, Ayden (A&C, CHSS)	1		
Beebe, Ronald (UE, CPS)	1		
Bowden, Gabriella (NS, CST)		1	
Buckler, Kevin (CJSW, CPS)	1		
Chan, Youn-Sha (M&S, CST)	1		
Chiquillo, Raquel (HHL, CHSS)	1		
Cho, Kit (SOS, CHSS)	1		
Crone, Travis (SOS, CHSS)	1		
Deo, Prakash (FNIS, MDCOB)		1	
Epstein, David (MGTI, MDCOB)	1		
Fedell, Luke (Lect., CHSS)	1		
Fortunato, Paul (ENG, CHSS)	1		
Fulbright, Paul (Sec'y)	1		
Gehring, Krista (Past Pres.)	1		
Javed, Adnan (Lect., MDCOB)			
Johnson, Jerry (Pres.-Elect)	1		
Lin, Shuaifu (FNIS, MDCOB)	1		
Miller, Diane (UE, CPS)	1		
Pavelich, Andrew (HHL, CHSS)			
Pohl, Bernardo (Pres.)	1		
Pointer, Lucille (GMSC, MDCOB)	1		
Rodriguez, Karina (Lect., CPS)			
Rueda, Elda (NS, CST)		1	
Rufino, Katrina (SOS, CHSS)	1		
Shoemaker, Katherine (M&S, CST)	1		
Shroff, Arpita (ACCI, MDCOB)		1	
Singh, Kulwant (Lect., CST)		1	
Sullivan, Nell (ENG, CHSS)	1		
Xu, Ling (CSET, CST)		1	
<b>UHD Faculty Senate - Attendance - GUESTS</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>On Campus</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Bhati, Divya (AVP, Inst. Effect., Str. Plan., & Assess.)	1		
Bordelon, Deborah (Provost, SVP, Acad. Affairs)	1		
Dejan, Austin (Asst. Prof., FNIS, MDCOB)		1	
Fuentes, Jennifer (Onl. Learn. Librarian, Library)		1	
Joyner, Lisa (VP, Stdnt. Success)	1		
Moosally, Michelle (AVP, Prog. & Curr.)	1		
Quander, Judith (AVP, Fac. Affairs & Dev.)	1		
Shahrokhi, Hossein (AVP, IT & CIO)	1		
Thomas, Kimberly (VP, Admin. & Fin.)	1		
Uzman, Akif (Dean, CST)	1		