

Faculty Senate Meeting—April 5 , 2016

Senators Present : Bart Ballard, April Conkey, Kathleen Rees, Manuel Flores, Armando Ibanez, Christine Fiestas, Barbara Cooke, Pamela Wright, Khairul Islam, Elizabeth Janzen, Joachim Reinhuber, Richard Miller, Monica Wong Ratcliff, Kendra Huff, Ruth Chatelain-Jardon, Chonwei Xiao, Nuri Yilmazer, Rajab Chaloo, David Ramirez, Polly Allred, Patricia Huskin, Nestor Sherman, Lifford McLauchlan, Amit Verma, Christopher Hearon, Don Jones, Melody Knight, Bruce Marsh, Maria de Jesus Ayala-Schueneman

Senators Absent: Alberto Rodriguez (3), Ryan Paul (3), Chang Sung (1), Xiaoliu Chi (1), Stan Hodges (5), Daniel Burt (1), Joseph Sai (1), Jody Briones (1), Valerie Bartelt (3), Hong Zhou (3)

Attending: Abigail De La Mora

™ Call to Order and Quorum Call - 3:32 p.m.:

¾ Dr. Verma asked parliamentarian, Dr. Nestor Sherman, if there are enough members for a quorum. Dr. Sherman replied in the affirmative.

™ Approval of Minutes from November Senate Meeting :

¾ Dr. Verma asked for approval of the previous meeting minutes.

f A move to approve the minutes as stands was made. It was noted that Dr. Ryan Paul is listed on both “Senators Present” and “Senators Absent”. As he is listed as speaking in the minutes, it was requested that his name be removed under the “Senators Absent” section. The motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Dr. Melody Knight. The motion was seconded.

f The motion passed unanimously.

™ Presentation from Provost :

¾ Dr. Heidi Anderson was unable to attend the meeting due to the College of Arts and Sciences Deans Forum that was held at the same time.

f Dr. Verma informed the Senate of Dr. Anderson’s absence and stated that he requested Dr. Duane Gardiner to attend in Dr. Anderson’s absence to which she stated that Dr. Gardiner would also be attending the Dean’s Forum as well. Dr. Verma stated that he wished to express his strong opinion that he felt that this was not right as the Faculty Senate meetings are schedule in advance and the forums should have been rescheduled. He stated that shared governance should not be in just words but rather in practice.

™ Report from Committees and Officers:

¾ Dr.

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™ Dr. Rees asked that the current committee ends today would the new committee take over the election process. It was stated that the election committee will complete the task.

f Faculty Lecture Committee – Dr. Joachim Reinhuber:

- o Dr. Reinhuber invited Senators to the upcoming Faculty Lecture presentation. It was asked who the previous chair was which Dr. Michelle Garcia was. Dr. Reinhuber would be contacting her regarding this committee.

f Annual Evaluation Committee:

- o It was stated a Doodle poll would be sent out for this committee for meeting times.
- o It was stated that during Executive Committee that the Emeriti Rule #3 was not gone.

f Title IX Committee:

- o Nothing to report from this committee.

™ Old Business :

$\frac{3}{4}$ Dr. Verma opened the floor for old business.

f Dr. Verma discussed the amendment to the promotion guidelines. He stated that the previous resolution was too wordy and the President vetoed the resolution and sent it back to the committee to rework. A simpler version was passed out. A request for vote was made since this was coming from committee. The resolution was passed unanimously.

f Dr. Verma stated in the last meeting that a committee was to be formed to look at and give input regarding the Constitution. It was stated that the term By-Laws and Constitution can be merged as they both serve the same purpose. Dr. Verma requested nomination of 5 members for this committee. Dr. Bart Ballard and Dr. Richard Miller were mentioned. It was asked if this would be given to the By-Laws committee that has already been formed. Dr. Patricia Huskin and Dr. David Ramirez were also mentioned. Dr. Nestor Sherman stated that a lot of time was put in the development of the current Constitution and the Senate cannot ignore that.

f Dr. Verma said goodbye to the Senate and received a plaque for his services. Dr. Chaloo thanked Dr. Verma and those Senators whose term expired for their service. He stated that as President he would make sure that the Senate's voice be heard loud and clear. He stated he would work to the best of his ability to make sure the Senate represents the faculty of the entire university.

f Senators with terms expired and Dr. Verma left.

™ New Business:

$\frac{3}{4}$ Dr. Chaloo opened the floor for new business items and welcomed the new Senate.

f Dr. Chaloo reminded the Senate that there are currently 12 vacancies and the College of Business currently has no representation at this time as well as the Library. As a result, Dr. Chaloo stated as per the recommendations of the election

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committee and the past Senate President and in order to be fair and transparent to all Senators including the newly elected Senators, he can act on behalf of the Senate for the month while the remainder 12 elections take place. He stated that without senators missing and two units not being represented, it would be unfair for election of officers to take place. Discussion took place as opinions were voiced regarding the issues with elections. Dr. Chaloo stated our Constitution states that Department elections are done in early February, College elections done in early March and officer/committee elections are done in the April meeting and unfortunately this has not happened. A suggestion was made regarding the formation of a one month interim committee of officers. It was asked if the