

Minutes

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

FACULTY SENATE

March 14, 2017

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1. Call to order by President Cooper: 4:01 PM
 2. President Cooper introduced the Director of Interprofessional Education and Clinical Simulation (IPECS) Office, Teresa Britt, M.S.N., R.N.– She discussed the Simulation Center Building including a pictorial tour that you can follow on this Mediasite link: [http://mediaserver.uthsc.edu/uthscms/Play/99edfd5d922e423394a9758c9ece5aff1d?catalog=95be5dca-bf92-48a5-b3c6-fbb2fa6c941b] The initial sound quality is poor, but it improves.
 3. You can find more on the simulation center here: <https://uthsc.edu/simulation/>
 4. Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as distributed by email.
 5. Dr. Cooper introduced Dr. Margaret Hartig who discussed the UTHSC Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (CASA). Dr. Hartig discussed CASA goals and the Quality Enhancement Plan. CASA has representatives from all colleges. Her presentation can be seen on the Mediasite link above.
 6. President Cooper presented a resolution on Anonymous Ballotting by Faculty (copy attached) that was approved by the FSEC. Voting was carried out by Turning Point for 22 members in the meeting room, and 3 Zoom attendees were asked to use Zoom Polling. Responses in the room were 88 % in favor; 13% against, 0% abstained. Three more votes in favor of the resolution were received by email. Three faculty attended by Zoom; one voted yes, 2 did not vote. Final results were: 19+3+1=23 in favor, 3 opposed and 3 abstaining. The resolution passed.
 7. Dr. Cooper announced the FACULTY RESOURCE FAIR AND SOCIAL will be held in SAC from 2-6 PM on March 30, 2017. Dr. Gonzalez pointed out that the Faculty Orientation sessions in the fall tend to be well attended, but the spring sessions are not, mainly because of the small number of Faculty hires. This resource fair and social replaces the faculty orientation session for the spring. It also serves to update all faculty on resources and changes in the past few years, not simply new faculty.
 8. New business. President Cooper announced that new election results should be finished by March 24th.
 9. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted, George A. Cook, Secretary, UTHSC Faculty Senate

Resolution on Anonymous Ballotting is attached.

Attachment

Resolution on Anonymous Ballotting

UTHSC Faculty Senate

Whereas among the most important decisions made by a university are whether or not to make long-term commitments to faculty members by awarding tenure and promoting or terminating them, and

Whereas one of the most important decisions faculty members make is whether or not to support recommendations of tenure, promotion, evaluation or termination for one of their peers, and

Whereas one of the most important decisions affecting a faculty member's life and career is the outcome of a vote supporting tenure, promotion, evaluation or termination, and

Whereas the importance of these votes require absolute integrity and good judgement free of any actual or even perceived coercion by either another peer faculty member or administrator, therefore

Be it resolved that the UTHSC Faculty Senate requests that the UTHSC Campus Administration require that all votes taken in connection with promotion, tenure, evaluation or termination be conducted by anonymous balloting and further that this requirement be codified in the Faculty Handbook.