

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES (Final)

Virtual Monthly Meeting by Zoom  
April 12, 2022

*Attendance:* (senators, administrators, and faculty)

*Attending:* Charisse Madlock, Tayebah Pourmotabbed, A. Orucevic, Steven M Doettl. Jeffrey A Kalmowicz, Hassan Almoazen, Emma C Murray, Richard Smith, Jeff Bieber, Thad Wilson, Edwards A Park, Ted Cory, Heather Moss, Ramesh Narayanan. Wen Lin Sun, Kristi Forman, Beth Choby, Jaqueline D Venturin. Frank Park. Martin Donaldson, Matthew Davis, Alexandria Q Wilson. Phyllis Richey, Terrance G Cooper, Tauheed Ishrat, Shelley White-Means, Nancy Borja Hart, Christina A Spivey, Maryann Clark, Jillian McCarthy, Jianxiong Jiang, Laura K Reed, Kirk E Hevener, Meiyun Fan, Paddy McConville, Michael J Herr II, Rachel Barenie, Kimberly Morris, Myra Meekins, Tim Williams, L. Enomoto, Ioannis Dragatsis, Vrushali Abhyankar, Wanda Claro-Woodruff, Shiva Bohn, Louise LaFlora, Rong Zeng, Kristen Bettin, Kim Morris, Melissa Anne Taylor, Stephen Pishko and seven attendees connected by phone

Meeting called to order at pm 4:02 CST/5:02 pm EST

### **Guest Speaker: Dr. Louise LaFlora discussing University Health Services**

- Faculty, staff, students, and dependents can receive care on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the 910 building.
- They offer primary care, urgent care, and occupational health care.
- They also provide support for those on worker's compensation.
- They are open Monday through Friday and have web-enabled self-scheduling.
- They have a patient portal.
- Patients can choose a primary care physician. Health Services take Blue Cross Blue Shields and Cigna. They can take some plans not provided by UTHSC.
- They administer the COVID-19 Pfizer booster/
- They provide mental health services. There is a clinical psychologist on staff. They offer pharmacotherapy (ADD, ADHD, anxiety, or depression).

- They currently do not see pediatric patients.

### **Approval of February minutes:**

- The floor was opened for discussion of the March 8, 2022, meeting minutes. Following no discussion, Dr. Choby moved to accept the minutes. Dr. Cooper seconded. Minutes passed with 32 (100%) "yes", 0 (0%) "no," and 0 (0%) "abstain."

### **Presentation of Bylaws Supplement and Motions for review**

- Senators were made aware of changes to the bylaws and were encouraged to read the document sent via email.

### **Senate elections**

- President-elect or secretary are open positions. Any senator can self-nominate.
- Elections need to happen soon.

### **Committee reports**

- Non-tenure track committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is May 17 between 3-4 CST. They are putting metrics together to understand the differences between non-tenure and tenure track promotion requirements across colleges.
- The Faculty Affairs Committee is reviewing faculty comments from the Faculty Feedback Survey. They will be moving the release date of the survey for next year to October or November. By doing so, the survey will not collide with end-of-semester activities. Also, the committee is following up on communication from chairs and deans regarding survey results related to their departments. Many faculty are interested in better childcare services, and there will soon be childcare services on campus.
- The Budgets and Benefits Committee is working with Tony Ferrara, Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance, to present data on how money is distributed. In particular, the committee is interested in how indirect costs are handled. The process varies by college. It will be essential to know what factors contribute to various decisions. The Chancellor is also interested in understanding this process.
- The Legislative Resource Committee reconvened and is in the process of getting updates from David Mills, the UTHSC government relations contact. They are interested in hosting a legislative day on campus. Dr. Pourmotabbed talked to the Chancellor about having a

legislature day, and he is supportive. We should try to get involved with the June Tennessee Election Forum visit in June. Legislature day should occur after the elections. We will have to have precise questions for the legislature. The June forum is an opportunity for the faculty senate to be recognized as an important voice for UTHSC. We do not control the forum, but it will be an opportunity for us to get in front of all the candidates. The forum will have statewide and local candidates. We need to improve the way TN the legislature views faculty. This forum is the first step in the process. We can ask President Boyd at the UFC meeting about how we can get involved in developing questions for this forum.

- The Faculty Communication Committee is working on developing branding for the senate. The committee wants to upgrade the senate website as well.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm CST/5:54 pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Secretary