**FACULTY SENATE**

**May 2, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Present**: Rashid Bazlur, Elizabeth Beavers, Amber Brown, Pradeep Buddharaju, Carol Carman, Stephen Cherry, Caroline Crawford, Thomas Garcia, Lisa Gossett, Laura Guerrero, Rajib Hasan, Amanda Johnston, Michelle Kahn, Heather Kanenberg, Nick Kelling, Hakduran Koc, Frank Matthews, Pat McCormack, Mike McMullen, Denise McDonald, Tim Michael, Alex Milam, Shanshan Pan, Alfredo Perez-Davila, Cengiz Sisman, Brian Stephens, Ishaq Unwala, Christine Walther, Paul Withey

**Absent**: Dilani Perera Dilitz, Michelle Peters, Thomas Schanding, Troy Voelker, Faiza Zalila

**Others Present**: Robert Bartsch, Yvette Bendeck, Samuel Gladden, Ju Kim, Kathryn Matthew, Joan Pedro, Mark Shermis, Chloris Yue

**MINUTES APPROVAL – APR 4TH MEETING**

Minutes approved as presented.

**PROVOST’S REPORT**

Provost Candidate Presentation is at 2:00P today, so the Faculty Senate meeting will only last one hour. Due to time constraints, no report was given.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

FSEC is still completing work on the Committee Assignments for next year. The Senate may discuss at the extra Faculty Senate Meeting (called on May 15th at 2p), or Dr. Stephens may email the assignments out for a vote.

**FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget Committee**: Dr. Paul Withey reported that the Committee met with Usha Mathews and Deja Sero at their last meeting. They explained the details of what they are planning for the future, including future full and part-time faculty and staff.

**Teaching & Research Committee**: Dr. Elizabeth Beavers reported that the Committee has spent time reviewing the proposals for the Center for Faculty Development’s Awards and came to conclusions for two winners who were celebrated at the Award Ceremony on April 30th. The Committee has also been working to analyze student evaluations for UHCL. At their last meeting, they ended up deciding to make a recommendation that a workgroup be formed to continue work on this task. The request will be voted on at the first Faculty Senate meeting of the Fall 2018 semester. The request was made from Senate members that there be someone on the team that is an expert in ordinal data.

**Faculty Life Committee:** Dr. Heather Kanenberg reported that they have been reviewing Grievance throughout the year. Dr. Kanenberg requested that Senate members look at the latest draft and send their feedback to her as soon as possible. The committee will review and integrate suggestions with the goal to have the revised policy to vote on soon. The Non-Tenure Track policy has been approved by University Council and will be added to the handbook. The Promotion & Tenure and Teaching Relief policies are expected to be passed next Thursday at University Council.

**Curriculum Committee:** Dr. Amanda Johnston presented the Proposal for Accelerated 5-year BS/MS Program in Computer Engineering, which was voted on and approved by Faculty Senate. Drs. Bendeck and Johnston presented the proposed policy for Adult Freshmen Admissions for students who would like to pursue a degree as a true freshman. This will apply to those who have never been in any higher education courses after high school. SAT/ACT scores are not required and they must be 25+ years old to qualify. There was some discussion regarding whether, or not, these students should take a redesigned version of the SAT/ACTs. It was determined that UHCL policies are still valid if these students are academically unsuccessful and we will not require them to test prior to admission. The policy passed with 24-yes, 3-no, and 3-abstains. Drs. Bendeck and Johnston also presented the Transfer Admissions Requirements policy for students that transfer in and out of institutions. They must have at least 12 transfer credits and a 2.75 GPA to be admitted under this policy. There was discussion on whether, or not, the GPA requirement should be lowered to 2.5. Dr. Bendeck stated that will support that decision if the Senate would like to vote on it. Ultimately, the policy remained unchanged and Faculty Senate approved with a vote of 22-yes and 4-no.

Admission Requirements for Freshmen Educated Outside the United States was presented. The suggestion was made to add the language, “by completing one of the following:” to the 4th bullet lead-in. There was also discussion about removing the requirement for SAT/ACT scores. Due to time constraints, Senate review of this policy has been tabled until the added May 15th meeting.

**SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Shared Governance Committee**: No report given due to abbreviated Senate meeting.

**University Life Committee (ULC)**: No report given due to abbreviated Senate meeting.

**Facilities & Support Services Committee (FSSC)**: No report given due to abbreviated Senate meeting.

**Planning & Budgeting Committee (PBC):** No report given due to abbreviated Senate meeting.

**QLT UPDATE**

No report given due to abbreviated Senate meeting.

**CENTER FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

No report given due to abbreviated Senate meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements given due to abbreviated Senate meeting.

Due to Provost Candidate Presentation at 2:00P, this meeting adjourned early at 1:58. (EXTRA SENATE MEETING JUST ADDED ON MAY 15, 2018 2-4P IN B2512)