

UTDB Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2003

Members Present: Stewart Turner, Pauline Duke, Donna Warren, Thomas Hurst, Roberta Pileggi and Lisa Thomas

Members Absent: Darawan Homrossukhon, Edgar Starcke, Joe Ontiveros, Clark Whitmire, Matthew Seals, Cynthia Trajtenberg and Jeffery Chang

1. Call to Order: 8:32 a.m.
2. Approval of July Minutes: Minutes approved by Tom Hurst and seconded by Pauline Duke
3. Dean's Comments: (Dr. Flaitz)
 - a. GME Funding
 - Dental Branch has been in contact with various senators and representatives regarding this matter.
 - A meeting is scheduled with a group of specialists in the Sugarland area and a conference call with Jack Bush (IDEA) and Mike Graham (ADA) will take place to strategize for the meeting with Mr. DeLay.
 - The dental van staffing had been revised to include dental students instead of AEGD residents. She stressed that graduate students are utilized to teach the undergraduate dental students.
 - A meeting has been scheduled with Mr. Tom DeLay at 3:30 p.m. on September 2, 2003 and a representative from TDA (Dr. Roger Burn) will be present as well.
 - b. TDA Retreat for Deans
 - TDA held a leadership forum with the Texas dental school deans. Dr. Jim Cole (Baylor), Dr. Bill Dodge (San Antonio) as well as Dr. Flaitz were present.
 - Our school was the only one to bring a student representative (Katie Olson).
 - c. Re-Keying of Dental Branch
 - All locks in the dental school will be re-keyed for security purposes.
 - Funding for this project will come from the health science center.
 - Departments will be notified before locks are changed.

d. Faculty Retreat

- The overall response to the faculty retreat has been a favorable one.
- Dr. Paula O'Neill will develop a survey regarding the breakout discussions that took place at the retreat.

e. HSC Executive Council

- Ms. Arlene Staller informed the council that the recent US Supreme Court decision involving the University of Michigan effectively removed UT from the constraints of the Hopwood decision. This means that race may be used as a basis as long as it is not the only factor. The assignment of points based on race, and thereby establishing racial goals and racial quotas is not allowed. Dr. Flaitz stated that the Student Catalogue will need to be reviewed to insure that it is in compliance.
- Dr. Willerson remarked that a few more positions may be eliminated. IT, HR and the medical school will undergo further reorganization.
- Dr. Willerson looking at job descriptions and salaries for administrative positions.
- Dr. Willerson has asked that Dr. McKinney become the permanent COO for the UTHSC and Dr. Yudof has agreed.
- Dr. Yudof gave the president of each health science center a salary increase, but Dr. Willerson respectfully declined his.

f. Dental Public Health Department Dissolution

- Students concerned about community outreach. Funding from various organizations has been given to continue programs.

g. New Hires

- No new hires without justification. All requests so far have been approved.

h. Building Plans

- The IMM will have a groundbreaking ceremony in September. UTMB had a mini groundbreaking ceremony two weeks ago.

i. Centennial Smiles

- A joint community outreach program has been formed between GHDS and DB.
- DB will open its doors for urgent care and preventative services.
- DB faculty (dental and dental hygiene) and staff will participate.
- UTHSC public affairs department has given approval and waiting to hear from legal affairs.
- DB getting donations from private corporations.

- Event should take place second week of April.
- j. President Scholar Award
 - One award to be given for research and one for teaching.
 - Dr. William Butler nominated for research, and Dr. Art Jeske and Dr. John Powers nominated for teaching.
 - k. Tuition Increase
 - UTHSC oversight committee chaired by Dr. Buja to look into this.
 - l. Curriculum
 - Discussion about gross anatomy schedule
 - a. take in the fall with medical students
 - b. take in the spring without medical students
 - Everyone agreed that the curriculum needs to be pared down to free up time for students.
4. Reports*
 - a. HSC Executive Council
 - b. HSC Administrative Council
 - c. DB Administrative Council
 - d. IFC
- *Stewart Turner distributed handouts for these meetings to each of the senators present.
5. Old Business
 - a. Meeting Schedule
 - Senate meeting time for 2003-2004 will be changed to 11:30-1:00 p.m. on Fridays.
 - b. Officers
 - Jackie Duke-president of senate
 - Donna Warren-president-elect
 6. New Business
 - a. New Senators
 - Need to find out who new senators are from each department.
 - b. Faculty Assembly
 - Will need to have faculty assembly meeting in September to discuss By-Laws amendments.
 7. Adjournment: 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa P. Thomas, DDS

