

UTDB Faculty Senate Meeting
Room 3.095
May 14, 2003

Present: Duke, Homrossukhon, Hurst, Ontiveros, Pileggi, Rittman, Seals, Starcke, Thomas, Turner, Warren

Absent: Trajtenberg, Whitmire

1. **Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of March Minutes:** Dr. Hurst made motion to approve minutes. Dr. Thomas seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Dean's Comments:** Dean unable to attend
4. **Reports**
 - a. **Interfaculty Council (Dr. Rittman)**
 - 1) **International Visitors-** Rosemary Valenza discussed changes affecting international visitors and students. Tougher guidelines will be enforced.
 - 2) **Faculty Honors Convocation-** Scheduled September 25, 2003. Invitations will be mailed to department chairs.
 - 3) **Budget-** Dr. Castro mentioned that the Texas Legislature had approved funds so that the UTHSC could obtain FEMA funding for damage caused by flooding.
 - 4) **Safety Council-** Bob Emery has become member
 - 5) **Dean Search-** Dr. Castro mentioned that the search for the new DB dean has begun and a formal announcement has been made. The committee includes two dental branch faculty members without voting privileges.
 - 6) **Security Checks-** Barry Rosenfeld said that security checks would be performed on everyone in the health science center.
 - 7) **Dr. Willerson-** Will meet with the Interfaculty Council.
 - 8) **Interfaculty Council By-Laws-** Need to be amended to reflect changes in administration.
 - b. **Administrative Council (Dr. Turner)**
 - 1) **T32 Teaching Grant-** The DB placed fourth out of fourteen applicants. Approval will be based on budget. We should know by August 1, 2003 if we have been approved. There has been a lot of support from the faculty for this.
 - 2) **Social Security Number Issues-** Mike Himenez stated that the institution is trying to stop using social security numbers for conducting business due to potential problems with hackers. He has also asked health insurance companies to stop using social security numbers for ID on insurance cards.
 - 3) **Budget-** The council was told that difficult decisions were being made.

- 4) **Periodontics Graduate Program-** The program has been suspended for one year due to shortage of faculty to cover residents. Dr. Bouwsma will be leaving the program. A search is currently under way for a new chair for the department.
- 5) **Dean Search-** A formal announcement had been released.
- 6) **Promotion with Tenure-** Dr. Bebermeyer, Dr. English and Dr. Lou have been promoted with tenure.
- 7) **Graduation-** Will take place May 24, 2003. Please let Dr. Valenza know if you will be attending. "The Eyes of Texas" will be sung at the ceremony.
- 8) **Entering Dental Class-** Sixty-five students in the first year class with one student re-entering the program. The applicant pool has increased by 23%. The gender of the class is 50-50. Eighteen students come from UT-Austin and eleven come from Texas A&M. The avg. GPA of the class is 3.53 with a DAT score avg. of 19.1. There are three African-Americans and ten Hispanics in the class.
- 9) **Library Journals-** Department chairs have lists to show which journal subscriptions have been discontinued and which have been kept.
- 10) **Grades-** Need to be entered and verified by May 16, 2003. A hard copy needs to be sent to the Academic Affairs office.
- 11) **Faculty Retreat-** Scheduled for August 4, 2003. Please turn in agenda items to Dr. Turner or Dr. Valenza.

c. E & P Committee (Dr. Delattre)

1) Promotion to Fourth Year Clarification- The E & P committee felt clarification was needed for guidelines to promote a fourth year dental student who has not passed National Boards Part I which is required in order to be promoted to the fourth year. If a student takes NB Part I during the summer between the third and fourth year, the results may not be received prior to the beginning of the fourth year. Therefore, the Committee has recommended that the following changes be made to the guidelines:

"A student must pass Part I of the National Boards in order to be promoted to the fourth year. A student who has taken National Board Part I in July before entering the fourth year will not have received a score prior to the start of the academic year. The student will be allowed to attend fourth year didactic courses but will have third year clinic hours. Once the student receives a passing grade, they will be allowed to move to the fourth year clinic and have corresponding clinic hours. If the student receives a failing grade, the Third and Fourth Year Evaluation and Promotion Committee will meet to evaluate the student. The student will be considered for dismissal or repeating the third year."

The Associate Dear for Academic Affairs and the Director of Clinical Education have approved of these changes to the guidelines. This statement will be placed in the E & P guidelines and the Student Guide.

Dr. Rittman made a motion to accept the modification to the guidelines and Dr. Ontiveros seconded. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

- a. Nomination for President-Elect of Senate-** Dr. O'Neill has spoken with the legal department regarding continuance of existing governance on a temporary basis. No nominations taken at this time.

6. New Business- None

7. Announcements

- a. Academic Leadership Development Program-** Applicants can contact Dr. Castro at (713) 500-3060.

- b. President's Scholar's Award-** One award for teaching and one award for research to be presented at the honors convocation in September. Nominations are being taken.

- c. Next Senate Meeting-** June 11, 2003

8. Adjournment- Dr. Hurst made motion to adjourn meeting. Dr. Rittman seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.