

UTDB FACULTY SENATE DRAFT MINUTES

September 11, 2002

Senators Present: Drs. Chang, Duke, Homrosshukon, Hurst, Ontiveros, Pileggi, Rittman, Seals, Starcke, Thomas, Turner, and Ms. Warren

Senators absent: Dr. Whitmire.

Guests: Dr. Leslie Fullerton.

1. Dr. Rittman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m., in room 139.
2. August 14, 2002 minutes approved as written.
3. Deans comments.
Interim dean, Dr. Catherine Flaitz, was welcomed to the meeting and noted that she would assist the vision of the president of the HSC but would also stress the uniqueness of the DB in education and the comprehensive nature of oral health. Three main goals.
 - a. Increase and promote scholarly activities at the DB. Many of these already carried out but presentation of data to HSC and outside groups needed to be formalized..
 - b. Ensure a strong presence of the DB at the HSC. Drs. Flaitz and Fullerton would be attending as many HSC meetings as possible to represent the DB.
 - c. Improve communication. "News on the Go" works and need similar electronic communication at DB.

Input to process from different people was critical. She wished to restore the traditional academic hierarchy with regard to chairs and directors. Chain of command with ideas and problems going through correct channels. In a department this is the chair. Faculty should work through these individuals and then through others. Curriculum - Roeder in student affairs, clinic - Valenza and so on.

Have to start working on accreditation immediately. All are involved but Jan Bilan will play a critical role in outcomes assessment.

Centennial celebration almost on us and Janet Harrison as a pivotal member of the committee needs to be replaced.

Need to increase funding and would be appropriate to find funding for endowed chairs. This is Dr. Fullerton's forte and is in his new job description.

Integration of Basic sciences will occur but it is not clear the extent or what has happened so far. Drs. Johnson and Buja have met a few times and have also looked at a report from DB Basic Science Department re possible scenarios. Dr. Storthz has been appointed as department chair and both Flaitz and Storthz will ensure adequate input in the process.

New dental branch building is next to the IMM in funding priorities and will involve Valenza, Coy, Fullerton and others in general planning.

Administrative changes. Dr. John Valenza will be chair of Oral Diagnostic Sciences.

Associate dean for Professional development changed to Associate dean for Educational research and Professional development. Will not be a guidance counselor for conflict resolution. Sherrie Wilson will come to the DB on a regular basis to help with any conflict resolution.

Jan Bilan will be Assistant Dean for Planning and Academic Studies. She will continue with fund raising but for DB. Will also be a ghostwriter and will help faculty with writing and will help Dr. Roeder with special projects involved in curriculum. Will help faculty with scientific writing.

The dean announced the appointment of Dr. John Valenza as chair of the department of Oral Diagnostic sciences. She expected this department to act as the hub for the dental school and to incorporate other departments into its philosophy. Some basic sciences such as Pharmacology and CPR could be useful in clinic rounds, special patients and so on.

Question re merit raise. Dr. Flaitz indicated that many individuals happy to get an increase even if a lump sum.

Dr. Turner conducted the remainder of the meeting.

4. Reports

- a. Administrative Council report. Dr. Rittman noted that the dean had already covered almost all the points raised at the Administrative Council in her comments. He noted that at the meeting she had stated that she expected the chairs to set an appropriate example of scholarly activity for the faculty in their department.
- b. Interfaculty Council report. Dr. Rittman had already distributed a copy of this via email to the senators. The major item of discussion had been the sick leave pool and the proposal by UT system of felony conviction background checks.
- c. Dr. John Valenza described the general philosophy of the department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences. He expressed support for the UTDB Senate and was anxious for his department to fully participate. Currently there was only one senator but the numbers in department could increase to 14, and this would therefore increase the senators by one.

5. Old Business

B. Rittman welcomed new senators and noted the changes in departmental structure. Returning for second terms were Orthodontics Dr. Jackie Duke, Prosthodontics Dr. Thomas Hurst, Restorative Dr. Joe Ontiveros. New senator for new department of Oral diagnostic sciences Dr. Lisa Thomas.

Dr. Rittman noted that Dr. Turner had been nominated for the Office of President of the senate and had agreed to run. The senate voted unanimously for Dr. Turner to assume the office.

D. Rittman agreed to be secretary.

Dr. Rittman asked for the President to write a letter of appreciation to those senators who would not be returning to the senate. These included Dr. Mark Connelly who had left the dental branch, Dr. Robert Newland who would be leaving in December, and Dr. Rami Guiha who had been ineligible to run for his new department due to now being employed at DB less than half time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.