

UNO Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 23rd, 2017, 3:30pm – 4:38pm

Location: University Center Innsbruck Room (UC 211 A and B)

1. Roll call

		Senate Roster	2017-2018		
#		Representation	First	Last	Term
	1	Administration	Mahyar	Amouzegar	(17-18)
	2	Staff Council	LeeAnne	Sipe	(17-18)
X	3	SG President	Nigel	Watkins	(17-18)
	4	Alumni Assoc		TBD	<i>TBD</i>
	5	Adjunct		TBD	<i>TBD</i>
E	6	Business	Dinah	Payne (SE)	(16-19)
	7	Business	Joe	Beams	(16-19)
X	8	Business	Christy	Corey (SP)	(16-19)
	10	Business	James	Logan	(15-18)
X	11	Business	Tarun	Mukherjee	(15-18)
X	12	Engineering	Donald	Barbe	(17-20)
X	13	Engineering	Dimitrios	Charalampidis (SS)	(16-19)
X	14	Engineering	Ting	Wang	(15-18)
	15	Engineering	Guillermo	Rincon	(16-18) <i>finishing up Christy Ikeda's term</i>
X	16	Liberal Arts & Education	Robert	Stufflebeam	(17-20)
	17	Liberal Arts & Education	Ivan	Gill	(17-20)
X	18	Liberal Arts & Education	Kenneth	Farizo	(16-19)
	19	Liberal Arts & Education	Zarus	Watson	(17-20)
X	20	Liberal Arts & Education	D. Ryan	Gray	(16-19)
X	21	Liberal Arts & Education	Chris	Day	(17-20)
X	22	Liberal Arts & Education	James	Mokhiber (SVP)	(17-20)
X	23	Liberal Arts & Education	Peter	Schock	(17-20)
X	24	Liberal Arts & Education	John	Kiefer	(17-20)
	25	Liberal Arts & Education	Ed	Chervenak	(16-18) <i>replacing Vern Baxter (15-18)</i>
	26	Liberal Arts & Education	John	Hazlett	(16-18) <i>replacing Beth Blankenship (15-18)</i>
X	27	Liberal Arts & Education	Robert	Dupont	(15-18)
X	28	Liberal Arts & Education	Juliana	Starr	(15-18)
	29	Liberal Arts & Education	Cheryl	Hayes	F 2016 <i>Fall replacement, J. Ehrenreich (15-18)</i>
	30	Sciences	Nicola	Anthony (SE)	(15-18)
	31	Sciences	Melanie	Stiegler	(15-18)
X	32	Sciences	Kenneth	Holladay	(15-18)
E	33	Sciences	Wendy	Schluchter	(17-20)
	34	Sciences	Greg	Seab	(17-20)
X	35	Sciences	Gerald	LaHoste	(17-20)
	36	Sciences	Joel Andrew	Webb	(17-20)
X	36	Sciences	Steve	Rick	(17-20)
X	37	Sciences	Vassil	Roussev	(15-18)
X	38	Library	Connie	Phelps (SE)	(15-18)
X	39	Library	Lindsey	Reno	(16-19)

X : Present

E : Excused

L : Late

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September, October, and November meetings were approved (as a reminder, the September and October minutes were not previously approved due to not meeting quorum).

3. Senate President Updates

- The Senate President pointed out that we have issues with meeting quorum in the Senate meetings lately, and that we are looking for solutions. She asked the Senators to contact her if they have any suggested solutions.
- We are looking for a parliamentarian, but we do not have any candidates yet. Furthermore, we need to appoint an adjunct for the Senate. She asked the Senators to contact her if they have any candidates to suggest.
- Regarding the appointment of senators, each college has its own process. Each college needs to get organized to be ready for appointing new senators in April.
- The Senate President introduced Jennie Alpaugh who will be helping the Senate with administrative duties.
- We were originally going to bring in an attorney to the Senate to discuss faculty and staff responsibilities in regards to law enforcement requests. The UNO President suggested that the Senate is not a broad enough audience, and that this is not only a faculty issue. Therefore, he asked that questions regarding this matter are collected from UNO faculty and staff (Christy Corey on the faculty side and LeeAnn Sipe on the staff side). There is a link to submit anonymous issues.
- The Senate Vice President discussed the DACA resolution which was modified from the one handed out in the last Senate meeting. In general, the resolution has a more moderate tone compared to other DACA resolutions in the country. In the revised version, the last clauses were removed. The Senate Vice President read the resolution to the Senate. After a brief discussion the Senate voted on the resolution which was unanimously approved.

4. 5-Minutes with the UNO President

- The UNO President stated that a lot is going to be determined about DACA in the next few weeks, and hopefully DACA students will be included in the negotiations.
- There is still some low water pressure in some buildings (due to the bad weather that we experienced last week), but most issues have been resolved.
- The Governor cut is expected to be about \$600,000 to \$1 million for UNO. The cut will happen next year, while there is no mid-year cut expected. The budget cuts includes an 80% reduction to TOPS, and a 50% reduction of Go Grants. The President said that there is no need to panic. He asked for

help to push our legislators to call a special session now, and not in June. Waiting for June, will result in much uncertainty at a time when students and parents are choosing schools.

- DXC was here on campus at the time of closure (due to the bad weather) and we had 200 visitors, looking for jobs, and looking to engage. DXC will come back in February to perform interviews.
- Three hundred people were at the Roosevelt hotel today to celebrate its inaugural class of UNO 25. In this event 25 high-impact businesses owned or led by graduates of the University of New Orleans were honored.
- BoR approved our request to expand Privateer Pathways. The admission threshold can be lower if we include an extra co-requisite course (Math and English). They essentially took our proposal and approved it for the whole state.
- Workday has started to replace PeopleSoft. There will be more updates and training opportunities.
- We have done a lot of fundraising. We raised three times the amount compared to last year. We will run a feasibility check about launching a comprehensive campaign. Usually we cannot launch such a campaign unless we have some money raised first.
- So far, there is a 30% increase in applicants for next fall, and 50% increase in new admissions compared to last year.

5. Update from Vice President of Research (Matt Tarr)

- The VP of Research reminded the Senate that tomorrow (1/24/2018, 2pm, UC Ballroom) achievements in research creativity and scholarship would be awarded. The 'scholarship and creativity' component is new. In the past, the awards were called just research awards. Having two categories (research and creativity/scholarship) facilitates the recognition of all kinds of faculty.
- The VP of Research also mentioned that internal grants awardees would be announced too (CEO, SCoRe, Interdisciplinary Grant Development, LEEP – more information can be found at the following website: http://www.uno.edu/research/research-council/Internal_grant_program.aspx). The recipients of P.U.R.S.U.E. and other achievements would also be announced.
- Office of Research goals: Oversight and support of UNO research, finding funding opportunities, supporting scholarship, supporting grants, managing grant and contract funds, oversight of grant, contract, and research compliance, promoting campus success
- Revenue and expenditures:
 - Revenue: Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs: It was called indirect. We are changing the name because it was thought to be a 'waste'. It is 46% on campus, 26% off campus. Lower rates (e.g., agency caps) must be justified. It covers actual costs to support research, scholarship and creativity.

- Expenditures: ORSP personnel and operating costs, university facility expenses, investment in UNO, startups, internal grants, faculty awards, cost share, PI enhancement funds.
- The collaborative scientific or engineering research at Innsbruck, Austria is aimed to stimulate scientific and/or engineering research collaborations between UNO and the University of Innsbruck. It includes a 4-6 week collaborative visit by a UNO PI to the University of Innsbruck during May-June 2018. The deadline is February 2nd, 2018. Applications are available on SharePoint.
- Some information about grants and contracts received was presented. We are roughly steady over the years, considering that we lost a lot of faculty members. The last a couple of years we got funding for administrating Medicaid for Louisiana. This is part of the reason we are a bit up from the previous years.
- Regarding the proposal submission count, there is a bit of a dip in 2016/2017 but there does not seem to be a declining trend.
- We are now developing cluster areas (interdisciplinary) since we are not doing a good job as a campus about this matter, and we may be losing funding from such opportunities.
- Startup funds: They vary significantly by discipline. The amount depends on the needs of the particular discipline. In FY 2018, we provided about \$800K in startup funding to 9 professors. For FY 2019 we anticipate \$1 million in startup funding for about 15 positions. Every new faculty hire is now getting some startup funds as opposed to the past.
- There is a New faculty orientation in place, which is a collaboration between ORSP and Academic Affairs. New faculty seem to appreciate the effort.
- Upcoming events and initiatives:
 - The UL System Academic Summit will take place at UNO, April 19-20, 2018.
 - Innovate UNO will take place in Fall 2018. The VP of Research encouraged everyone to help increase participation to the event, e.g., by adding some information in course syllabi.
- Internal grant applications and faculty award nominations will be up in Fall 2018.
- A senator suggested including a central database for Louisiana universities to be able to access several resources.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A senator asked about the possibility of faculty getting free membership to the Recreation and fitness center. The UNO President responded that this is something that has been considered. The final decision was to have a higher discount for faculty, so that they now pay slightly less than half of what the membership fees used to be. It was not possible to offer a free membership because the cost would be too high.

Adjournment: 4:38pm.