



FACULTY SENATE
Hamilton Eye Institute Auditorium
3rd Floor, 930 Madison
March 10, 2020 4:00 PM

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Present: W. Callahan, B. Choby, M. Clark, W. Claro-Woodruff, T. Cooper, T. Cory, M. Donohoe, L. Gonzalez, M. Hartig, M. Herr II, K. Hevener, V. Jain, J. Jiang, V. Jones, P. J. Koltnow, S. Lancaster, J. Langford, S. Li, S. Little, J. Lowder, N. Mandal, R. Philip, W. Pledger, T. Pourmotabbed, C. Russell, S. Sittnick, R. Smith, C. Spivey, A. Zachary, Y. Zhang

Zoom: K. Bettin, P. Albin, R. Clark, S. Clark, W. Dabb, M. Erickson, M. Fan, O. Grandas, B. Hamilton, K. Hohmeier, R. Jean, R. Krishnan, S. Lancaster, C. Madlock-Brown, J. McCarthy-Maeder, T. McClinton, E. McCoy, M. McDonald, M. Meekins, M. Mulligan, E. Murray, S. Rhoads, P. Richey, J. Sharp, C. Snyder, H. Steinberg, W.L. Sun, F. Thomas, K. Torgbe, J. Venturin, T. Wilson, N. Yedlapati.

Absent: V. Abyhankar, S. Bohn, R. Clark, J. Clemmons, D. Colvert, G. Cook, A. Diaz-Thomas, I. Dragatsis, T. ElAbiad, P. Fischer, R. Galvan, G. Goodin, L. Grese, M. Harvey, J. Jones, V. Joshi, D. Kadaria, D., J. Kennedy, R. Krishnan, M. Land, C. Ledbetter, Y. Levine, J. Lowder, M. McDonald, M. Meekins, J. Mohamed, R. Narayanan, F. Park, D. Pattaniaik, A. Pinckney, L. Reed, R. Rao, S. Rowe, R. Scroggs, N. Shafi, J. Sharp, A. Sheyn, O. Siddiqui, S. Sittnick, H. Steinberg, W. Sun, M. Surbrook, C. Tombazzi, K. Upadhyay, J. Vanatta, R. Williams

Meeting called to order at 16:00 hours CST

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. Delayed until end of meeting due to lack of quorum. Minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Old Business

- a. President Hartig spoke briefly about UT President Randy Boyd's visit last week, and reminded everyone about his webcast from Nashville tomorrow (March 11).
- b. Dr. Hartig reminded everyone to complete their IT security training.
- c. She also reminded everyone that evaluations are underway.

III. Speaker

- B. Speaker: Dr. Loriz Gonzalez, Vice Chancellor, AFSA

- PTR Update: slide presentation: link below
- Covid-19 Academic Continuity Plan:
 - The goal is to allow students to complete their requirements and maintain the integrity of our missions.
 - A crisis management team has been formed, and there is a new website to aid in the transition to online classes:
 - <https://uthsc.edu/tlc/academic-continuity.php>
 - TLC will begin offering training on Thursday March 12
- Questions:
 - Q: Can the CHP “No unexcused absence” policy be rescinded? A: Policies are unique to the colleges, and it is up to the college. Administration encourages faculty to be lenient right now with absences, due dates, etc., particularly for students that are quarantined or self-isolated
 - Q: For someone who is over 60 and immune-compromised, can they go ahead and switch to online classes? A: The faculty member should talk to their chair about their options, but they should be able to go ahead and do so.
 - Q: Is there a plan in place for labs, including animal labs? A: A separate plan is in progress with the Office of Research.

IV. New Business

- A. Faculty Senate elections are upcoming. President Hartig encourages Senators to ask colleagues to run, and for Senators to consider running for Faculty Senate President.

V. Speaker: Speaker: Charlie Snyder: QEP Update

- a. Slide presentation: link below

VI. Announcements- None

VII. Committee Reports-None

Next Faculty Senate Meeting: April 14, 2020

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 16:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Langford, MLIS

On behalf of Laura Reed, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Faculty Senate Secretary