

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

UTHSC Faculty Senate Meeting

Zoom Monthly Meeting
September 12, 2023

Attendance: (senators, administrators, and faculty)

Attending: Jillian McCarthy, Tayebah Pourmotabbed, Karen Derefinko, PJ Koltnow, Shelley White-Means, X. Frank Zhao, Christopher Brett, Jayc Sedlmayr, Ayman Abdul H Aldayeh, Karine Guerrier, LaToya Green, Michelle Lynn Abramovitz, Phyllis Richey, Brett Wilson, Terrance Cooper, Kimberly Morris, Kevin Freeman, Rajashekhar Gangaraju, Ronald Rafael Espinal, Blake Moore, Laxmichaya Sawant, Mary Erickson, Hitesh S Sandhu, Robert Hatfield, Leo Lamsen, Donna Lynch-Smith, Lauren Arnold Bell, Sanjay Mohan, James M. Lewis, Tanaz Vaghaiwalla, Vickie Baselski, Jill Maples, Maria Tirado, Tyler Melton, Barry Dale, Alina Cernasev, Harry T Cosby, Imran Quraishi, Myra M Meekins, Christian Criswell, Ranjit Philip, Laura Enomoto, Erinn Finke, David W Petersen, Carrie Harvey, Fatima Ahmed, Ashton Brooks, Shaunta' Martina Chamberlin, Zheng Fan, Ted Cory, Helmut O Steinberg, Sheila Criswell, Laura T Reed, Rebecca B Reynolds, Ava Saidian, Jess Newman McDonald, Tauheed Ishrat, Kristen Bettin, Maria Carrillo, Carter, Nina K Sublette, Twisha Oza, Vrushali Abhyankar, Thaddeus Wilson, Chris Wood, Scott Hollis, Steven Doettl, Jeffrey Bieber, Hassan Almoazen, April Hilsdon, Rachel Barenie, Jaqueline D Venturin, Hitesh Sandhu, Yanhui Zhang, Jeff Kalmowicz, Valarie Fleming, Wen Lin Sun, Lisa Beasley, Anne Zachry, Chalet Tan, Jason A Yaun, Stephen Pishko, Heather Moss, Tim Florence, Laurentia Nodit, Fuming Zhou, Dan Young, Cynthia Russell, Peter Buckley.

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm CST/5:00 pm EST

Faculty Senate Meeting

Presiding: Mr. Paul J. Koltnow, President

Opening of the Senate by Chancellor Buckley

- Last year had many changes
 - Focus on statewide presence
 - Now have the opportunity to tell a story and have a direction
 - Time to upgrade marketing
- Email forthcoming about leadership reorganization
 - Executive Vice Chancellor Raaj Kurapati
 - Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing Sally Badoud will work directly as a part of the leadership team
 - Vice Chancellor Paul Weslowski works closely with Executive Vice Chancellor Raaj Kurapati
 - Working to build collaboration and cohesion
 - Campus leaders are meeting October 27th
 - Recruitment for Vice Chancellor for Research
- Students have returned
 - Focus on creating vibrancy as a statewide entity
 - Healthy Tennesseans, thriving communities
- Questions
 - Are we getting a hospital for post graduate education, could this be Regional One?
 - Chancellor Buckley stated that consultants advised that our own hospital is too expensive: \$2.5 billion
 - Work instead on expanding partnerships
 - Unlikely to purchase any hospital
 - Non-Tenure Track multi-year contracts
 - Is now official university policy
 - Levels of leadership on the statewide retreat
 - The Cabinet, the Faculty Senate President, Vice Chancellor Cynthia Russell, Executive Vice

Chancellor Raaj Kurapati, Vice Chancellor Paul Weslowski and some alumni

- Plough Center
 - We do not yet have a roadmap, there is no answer yet

Introduction of Senate Officers

- Mr. Paul J. Koltonow, President
- Dr. Jillian McCarthy, Past President
- Dr. Karen Derefinko, Secretary
- Dr. Tracy McClinton, President Elect

Approval of June 13th, 2023 minutes

- The floor was opened for discussion of the June 13th, 2023 meeting minutes. No edits were recommended. Dr. Lynch-Smith motioned to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper.
- Brief instructions about how to use Poll Everywhere.
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 98% (55/56)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/56)
 - Abstain: 2% (1/56)

Welcome New Senators

- This is an outstanding year in terms of numbers of senators

Faculty Senate Orientation

- Most questions can be answered on the website
- www.uthsc.edu/facultysenate/
- Participate
- 3 year term
- Absence from 3 consecutive meetings without appointing substitute may be removed from Senate
- Serve on a Committee

Typical Meeting Structure

- Vote on minutes
- Speaker
- Committee Updates

- New business
- Adjourn

Presentation on Committee Memberships and Goals for the Upcoming Year

- Research Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 100% 51/51
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/51)
 - Abstain: 0% (0/51)
- Budget and Benefits Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 98% (49/50)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/50)
 - Abstain: 2% (1/50)
- Education Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 100% (51/51)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/51)
 - Abstain: 0% (0/51)
- Clinical Affairs Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 100% (54/54)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/54)
 - Abstain: 0% (0/54)
- Faculty Affairs Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:

- Accept: 100% (53/53)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/53)
 - Abstain: 0% (0/53)
- Computing, Technology, and Faculty Communications Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 100% (53/53)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/53)
 - Abstain: 0% (0/53)
- Handbook Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 100% (52/52)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/52)
 - Abstain: 0% (0/52)
- Non-Tenure Track Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 100% (48/48)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/48)
 - Abstain: 0% (0/48)
- Legislative Resources Committee reviewed goals, responsibility, and members
 - Vote to approve goals
 - Poll Everywhere vote:
 - Accept: 100% (50/50)
 - Do not accept: 0% (0/50)
 - Abstain: 0% (0/50)

New Business

- Request to read the consultant plan for not having our own hospital
 - Even if only recommendation and rationale
 - President Koltnow will bring this up with the Chancellor

- **Parliamentarian needs to be appointed by President of Senate Meeting Wrap Up and Closing with Mr. Paul J. Koltnow, President**

Dr. Helmut Steinberg moved to adjourn. Dr. Yanhui Zhang seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm CST/5:59 pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Karen Derefinko
Faculty Senate Secretary