

FACULTY SENATE
Virtual Meeting by Zoom
January 12, 2021 4:00 PM CST/5:00 PM EST
Monthly Meeting

Attendance: 92 (senators, administrators, and faculty)

Senators attending: T. Wilson, Smith, Dabbs, Erickson, Mandal, Davenport, Donaldson, Grandas, Nicholson, Staack, Cory, Reed, Bohn, Hevener, Doettl, Li, Bieber, Choby, Hartig, Mohamed, Spivey, Steinberg, Fan, Quesenberry, Albin, Little, Jasmin, Venturin, Krishnan, Sun, Cooper, Zachry, F. Park, Rowe, Murray, Pourmotabbed, Lackey, Jiang, Lancaster, Torgbe, McClinton, Davis, Sittnick, White-Means, Moss, Claro-Woodruff, Enomoto, Philip, Meekins, Pishko, R. Clark, S. Clark, Herr, McCarthy Maeder, Richey, Harvey, Chamberlin, Morris, and 8 phone numbers

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm cst/5:02 pm est

Meeting Minutes:

Floor opened for discussion of the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Following no discussion, a motion for acceptance of the minutes was made by Dr. Cooper, and seconded by Dr. Hartig. Minutes passed with 94% "yes", 0% "no", and 6% "abstain."

Appreciation of Dr. Chap Epps:

- Dr Choby and Dr. Gonzalez shared a few comments regarding Dr. Epps' passion for teaching and his significant contributions to simulation learning at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Dr. Epps will be greatly missed by all who worked with him not only at UTHSC, but across the field of simulation.
- Information regarding a Virtual Memorial Service for Dr. Epps was shared
 - Wednesday, January 20, 2021, with registration information emailed to all senators to share with their respective departments.

Update from Tom Laughner from TLC:

- Tom Laughner, from the Teaching Learning Center, shared the current TLC Activities over the 2020 and plans for 2021.
- Statistics were shared about the TLC, including:
 - 25 faculty leading or mentoring with working with faculty across UTHSC
 - 250 members on the TLC listserv; which offers information about online learning
 - 351 consults have been completed by the TLC faculty members on how to use technology, online strategies, or creating a syllabus
 - 54 workshops offered, with 988 participants over the 2020 year
- Information was shared about the TLC Medallion program. Faculty can participate in the various medallion programs, covering topics in simulation, mentoring, online instruction, inclusive education, course design, use of technology, along with others. Each medallion course is about 20 hours of content/learning.

- Unique to the medallion program is that faculty who so choose can be recognized for their participation through the Expert Educator program. This program includes 120 hours of expert education (completing up to 9 of the medallion courses). Faculty who are interested should discuss this program with their chair and your chair will contact the TLC.
- TLC has started a Webinar Series highlighting learning in several areas. The courses are taught by the UTHSC faculty from various departments. Faculty interested in participating in the new Spring 2021 courses – Active Learning, Online Learning, Health/Wellness or Instructor Well Being, Cultural Responsiveness/Inclusivity – should go to the TLC website and sign up.
- TLC Connect has just launched. TLC Connect will allow faculty to find a way to connect with similar interests or sharing of knowledge. Faculty interested should reach out to TLC for more information.
- New training and resources will be provided to Department Chairs regarding teaching and learning in 2021. This is a new series that will be directly targeting how department chairs can support faculty in the education mission of the University.

Resolution & Gratitude of Thanks to Dr. Lori Gonzalez:

- A Resolution of Gratitude recognizing Dr. Gonzalez was presented. The resolution was shared and the floor was opened for discussion or comments. Following no discussion or comments, Dr. Cooper made a motion to pass the resolution. Dr. Wilson seconded the motion. The resolution passed with 97% “yes,” “no,” and 3% “abstain.”
- Faculty Senate presented Dr. Gonzalez with a plaque and pen for her service at UTHSC.
 - Dr. Gonzalez thanked the senate and the faculty at UTHSC. She noted that the faculty makes UTHSC a wonderful place, and it was a privilege and honor to work at UTHSC.
- The plaque and pen will be physically delivered to Dr. Gonzalez in the near future.

Welcome to Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Cindy Russell & Kristi Forman

- Dr. Russell was recognized for her new role as interim Associate Vice Chancellor.
- Kristi Forman was introduced as Director of Faculty Affairs.
 - Dr. Forman will oversee elements of Digital Measures, Annual Review, Promotion and Tenure.

Update on Faculty Feedback Assessment (FFA):

- An announcement regarding the FFA numbers were shared.
 - Leadership at 11%
 - COM Memphis at 17%
 - COM Chatt at 6%
 - COM Knox at 9%
 - COP at 47%
 - COHP at 53%
 - COD at 30%
 - CON at 32%
- Senators were asked to contact the faculty in their department and strongly encourage faculty to take part in the surveys.
 - Two surveys were sent via email to each faculty member. One email has a link to department and college survey, and the second email has a link to the upper administration survey.
- The surveys will close on January 22, 2021.

Committee Updates:

- Handbook Committee – Reported that they are starting to meet (January 25th) with Dr. Russell and Frank Lancaster regarding Chapter 8 edits/suggestions. The committee will update the senate on the meetings.
- Communications Committee – Working on the Senate webpage. If senators have any suggestions, comments, thoughts, or concerns, to please send them to the committee via the faculty senate email.
- Research Committee – The Post-Doctoral Office will have a discussion on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 regarding changes of post-docs to staff as of July 2021. Faculty who are interested are urged to attend.

New Business:

- Dr. Steinberg requested that the Faculty Senate consider asking for a public statement from the UT President and/or UTHSC administration regarding the current political climate in the United States and the state of Tennessee, as well as the senate making a statement condoning the actions of violence. Dr. Steinberg was encouraged to develop a first draft of a statement and submit it to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

New Announcements:

- All senators are strongly encouraged to reach out to the faculty in their departments/colleges and encourage them to complete the FFA Surveys.
- *Upcoming Faculty Senate Meetings:*
 - *February 9, 2021 at 4:00 pm cst/5:00 pm est.*
 - *March 9, 2021 at 4:00 pm cst/5:00 pm est.*

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm cst/5:43 pm est.

Respectfully Submitted,

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