

Minutes of Academic Senate Council Meeting

2/15/12

Council members present: Bill Culp, Larry Suva, Jerry Ware, Tom Kelly, Phil Breen, Lindy Bollen, Paul Gottschall, Becky Patterson, Howard Hendrickson, and Julia Goodwin

Guests: Elizabeth Bard

Minutes prepared by Tom Kelly, PhD

Bill Culp established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the last Senate Council meeting are not available as Karen Yeary was not able to attend.

New Business:

1. Elections for the Academic Senate are due April 15, 2012 (as per the constitution of the academic senate, see attached). Previously, campus wide elections were held in December because the senate was restarting after many years of inactivity. The constitution calls for:
 - a. **Election General Information:** Each year during April the Academic Senate will hold an election to fill the posts of those elective Academic Senate officers whose terms of office are about to expire. The Nominations Committee will prepare a slate of at least two and no more than three members for each office to be filled. The proposed slate will be representative of each College and the campus-wide appointments. This slate of nominees will be listed on the agenda for the last Academic Senate meeting prior to the election; at this meeting of the Academic Senate, nominations may be made from the floor provided that approval of the person nominated is secured. Following this meeting, the Nominations Committee will prepare and mail ballots to the membership by April 15. Members shall return ballots by May 1 to be counted by the Nominations Committee. To be elected, a nominee must receive votes from a majority of those casting ballots. In the event no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast for an office, a runoff, with comparable time constraints, by mail ballot between the two nominees receiving the most votes will be immediately conducted by the Academic Senate. (from constitution Board Policy 1210.1; page 10).

- b. **Nominations Committee:** The Nominations Committee will prepare a slate of nominees for each Academic Senate office to be filled and, as needed, as vacancies occur. The committee will prepare this slate according to the procedure outlined in Article IX, Elections of the Academic Senate. The Committee is responsible for preparing the ballot, mailing and counting the votes. **The Nominations Committee is composed of:** “two faculty members from each College, elected annually by the faculty of that College; and the president of the Associated Student Government, and one faculty from the campus-wide appointments. The nominations committee will prepare a slate of at least two and no more than three members for each office to be filled. The slate of candidates will be listed on the agenda of the Academic Senate meeting prior to the election. (Board Policy 1210.1, page 12). It was decided that Tom Kelly will be the campus-wide representative on the nominations committee. The college representatives at the meeting were charged with electing members to the nominating committee and coming up with nominees.
- c. **Special notes for this election:** The constitution states “The Chairperson-elect is elected annually by the Academic Senate. The Secretary and the Parliamentarian are elected by the Academic Senate for staggered two-year terms (Board Policy 1210.1, page 8).” The other officers are the Chair elect, and the immediate past Chair. Because the senate has just restarted all council members (two from each college) and campus wide officers (Chair, Chair elect, Secretary, and Parliamentarian) have served for one year. It was decided that Tom Kelly would remain as Parliamentarian this year and that the Secretary position (currently held by Jerry Ware) would be up for election by campus wide vote. Also up for campus wide vote is Chair Elect (currently held by Larry Suva). In addition to these campus wide vacancies, each college is required to **elect one of their two** senate seats. To achieve stagger of serving representatives, the second seat of each college representatives to the academic senate council will not be up for re-election this year but will become open in 2013. The vote will be conducted online by survey monkey set up for campus wide and college-specific aspects by Ms Elizabeth Bard.
2. **Guest Speaker:** The academic senate voted and approved expenditure of senate funds of about \$1,750 to cover the cost of honorarium (\$1,000) and travel (\$750) with an additional \$500 approved if necessary to entice the speaker to travel on other than non-stop flights. The speaker is Dr. Benjamin Ginsberg from Johns Hopkins University, author of “The fall of the faculty: The rise of the all-administrative university and why it matters”. Dr. Ginsberg was heard recently at MD Anderson and his talk was described as “entertaining, challenging ideas,

may not be embraced by the leadership, thought provoking". The dates were still being worked out but Dr. Ginsberg may come on either Wednesday or Thursday March 14 or 15 and give an 8 AM or noon talk on Thursday or Friday March 15 or 16. Dr. Culp will determine the exact arrangements for Dr. Ginsberg's travel and talk time and location.

3. **Resolution to support legislation for state legislature to allocate funds to help offset the cost of indigent care.** Dr. Culp pointed out that in Chancellor Rahn's recent state of the campus address the hospital incurs \$175,000,000 of indigent care/bad debt costs. This is currently partially offset by \$600,000 allocated by the state legislature. The academic senate council passed a resolution that the Chancellor negotiate and obtain \$50,000,000 allocation from the state legislature. This amount is the median level of support that other states give to offset the astronomical costs of treating the indigent and underinsured population. The Chancellor is urged to take the position that University Hospital will no longer care for such patients unless such support is obtained. The resolution was voted on and passed.
4. **Preparing a resolution regarding Novation consulting:** Recently an e-mail was sent around by Nick Lang to the faculty informing us that Novation had been hired to analyze the supply chain for clinical operations. The Novation team is headed up by Ms Cindy Kelly and promises a \$1,000,000 savings over two years. Novation was hired by Melissa Fontaine and Melanie Goodhand. The clinical faculty have already been subjected to supply chain analysis and drastic cost-cutting procedures through the suggestions of Navigant consulting that was just here. The faculty would appreciate an explanation of the rationale for hiring Novation after having just spent a fortune on Navigant for similar analysis and advice. Dr. Culp has agreed to write to Ms Goodhand and Ms Fontaine for more information prior to forming a resolution for voting.

Jerry Ware pointed out as per the constitution:

"All legislative actions of the Academic Senate Council or the Academic Senate shall be sent to the Chancellor. The Chancellor will respond in writing to such actions within two weeks following receipt of a written record of the legislative action. The Chancellor's response approving or disapproving the legislative action shall be returned to the Academic Senate Council or the Academic Senate. If, after consideration of the points of disapproval, the Academic Senate Council or the Academic Senate and the Chancellor are unable to reconcile their differences, the Academic Senate Council or the Academic Senate may vote to appeal for resolution of these differences. By a three-fifths (3/5) vote of those

present and voting, provided that thirty percent (30%) of the membership is present, the Academic Senate Council or the Academic Senate may appeal those differences requiring resolution to the appropriate system-wide University authority and the President; such appeals shall be presented by the Chancellor (or the Chancellor's designee) and a representative elected by the Academic Senate Council or the Academic Senate" (Board Policy 1210.1, page 5).

5. **Preparing resolution regarding Faculty salaries campus-wide:** Larry Suva brought up that faculty feel salaries are being cut in a way that is neither fair nor ethical. The process is not transparent nor is it uniformly applied. Dr. Suva agreed to work with other faculty members to draft a resolution that can be voted upon by the academic senate.

The meeting adjourned.