

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting of April 23, 2013
FACULTY SENATE

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Summary of Senate Business

Introduction of Newly Elected Senators
Elections of Faculty Senate Officers
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report
Academic Programs Committee Report

Note: The remarks of the Senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The taped recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate office or in the University Archives.

President Michael Dowd called the meeting to order, **Lucy Duhon**, Executive Secretary, called the roll.

I. Roll Call: 2012-2013 Senators:

Present: Present: Anderson, Bailey, Barnes, Cappelletty, Cochrane, Cooper, Crist, Cuckovic, Denyer, Dowd, Duggan, Duhon, Edinger, Ellis, Franchetti, Giovannucci, Gohara, Hammersley Heberle, Mai Sue, Hoblet, Hottell, Humphrys, Jorgensen, Keith, Kranz, Lee, Lingan, Lundquist, Molitor, Moore, Nigem, Moynihan, Nigem, Ohlinger, Piazza, Plenefisch, Quinlan, Randolph, Relue, Rouillard, Sheldon, Springman, Teclehaimanot, Templin, Thompson, Thompson-Casado Van Hoy, Weck-Schwarz, Wedding, White, Willey, Williams, Yonker

Excused absences: Brickman, Hamer, Kennedy, Regimbal,

Unexcused absences: Hey, Hill, Nazzal, Rooney, Tinkel, Wilson

II. Roll Call: 2013-2014 Senators:

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 12th and March 23rd meetings are ready for approval.

President Dowd: I call this meeting to order. Welcome to the last, fifteenth Faculty Senate meeting of Academic Year 2012-2013. I ask that Secretary Duhon come to the podium to call the roll.

The Minutes of the March 12, 2013 Faculty Senate meeting have been distributed to Senators. Do I have a motion to approve those Minutes? Is there a second? Any discussion of those Minutes? Any corrections to those Minutes? May I have a motion to approve those minutes? Is there a Second? Is there any discussion? **Motion Passed.**

In addition, the Minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting of Faculty Senate have been distributed to Senators. Do I have a motion to approve those Minutes? Is there a second? Any discussion of those

Minutes? Any corrections to those Minutes? May I have a motion to approve those minutes? Is there a Second? Is there any discussion? *Motion Passed.*

President Dowd: The Executive Committee report is going to be brief today because most of my activities since the previous Senate meeting focused on the proposed revisions to our constitution and a few other issues. However, before I get to that discussion, President-Elect Rouillard has an announcement.

President Elect Rouillard: As some of you may know, the nursing faculty on the Health Science Campus voted last week whether or not to join the union and those votes were open today, however they have not been certified, but we are allowed to make public that the nursing faculty voted 24/10 in favor of joining the UT AAUP.

[Applause]

President Elect Rouillard: We are glad to have them join.

President Dowd: Regarding the proposed vote to revise our constitution, the initial delay for sending the document out for a vote of the full faculty was due to a delay in receiving a response from Vice Provost Barrett's committee that is overseeing the inclusion of the delegation and supremacy clauses in every governance document at this university. Then there was an additional delay due to problems setting up the email account for the vote. But, all of that aside, I am happy to report that Ms. Quinetta Hubbard has distributed the document to all UT faculty members for a vote for approval or disapproval of the proposed revisions. I want to thank Ms. Quinetta Hubbard for the very hard work she has performed to make this vote possible.

Next, I'm sure each Senator recalls that every opportunity I had I have repeatedly asked the question: "Where is UT spending its money?" I'm sure you will also recall my outrage both at Senate and expressed to the Board of Trustees over the remark Chief Financial Officer David Dabney made at a December 2012 Faculty Senate meeting. Mr. Dabney stated that the total amount of budget cuts to Academic Affairs over the past 4 years has been only \$203,000. As I stated several times at Faculty Senate meetings and in my reports to the Board of Trustees, Mr. Dabney's number of \$203,000 since 2009 is fiction because each college has had to endure hundreds of thousands of dollars in budget cuts every single year since 2009. I've been asking, and asking, and asking Mr. Dabney's to justify his number of \$203K. I have also asked Provost Scarborough and President Jacobs for that data. As there was no response from Messrs. Dabney, Scarborough, and Jacobs, I asked the Board of Trustees for that data. Although it has taken me a full semester to get that data, I am very happy to say that Mr. Dabney has come through. He did generate the data for me. In fact, he generated more than what I asked for. I asked for the specific budget cuts to each of the colleges and he not only provided that data, but he also provided data so that we can see transfer of funds from colleges to Provost/Chancellor and then from Chancellor/Provost to other colleges. While I have not had sufficient time to dive into this data, it does appear to be very intriguing. President-Elect Rouillard and Senator Keith, you also attended the Finance and Strategy Committee meeting with me last week. Is there anything you would like to add at this point?

President Elect Rouillard: That is...

President Dowd: Mr. Dabney's original number of a total of \$203,000 in budget cuts for all Academic Affairs since 2009 was wrong. How close was that \$203,000 to the actual number? The actual budget cuts to academic colleges at this university since 2009 have been \$11,289,245. There is a significant spread between \$203K and \$11.3M. By looking at change in income only, Mr. Dabney underreported the actual budget cuts by approximately 5,400%. We have been told by Mr. Dabney that he and his staff are in the process of building a mechanism to report such data more frequently and more consistently. I am sure that President-elect Rouillard will make certain that accurate data is generated and reported promptly to the faculty. This would allow a transparent description of where UT's money is being spent and, in particular, how funds generated by budget cuts to one college are being transferred to other colleges and administrative offices.

The next issue to discuss is the administrative assessments of President Jacobs, Chancellor Gold, and selected deans. Those assessments have been completed. I would like to turn this discussion over to President-Elect Rouillard because she led this effort over the past academic year.

President Elect Rouillard: Thank you. It is my understanding that Dr. Jacobs' evaluation should be distributed to you via email in the next two weeks. Since the medical faculty are 12-month faculty, we will evaluate Dr. Gold as Dean separately during the summer and we decided that it wouldn't be a problem for running those evaluations after this other sequence. So, that is it and thank you again.

President Dowd: I would like to provide some context for the evaluation score President Jacobs received. He scored a 2.12, which means that he as a university president "needs improvement." In general, once we receive such results, the Senate's past practice has been to put the results from the administrative assessments for different administrators into a common format. This facilitates a comparison of the performance of deans and other senior administrators. So the next stage of this process is just formatting the various reports. After that they will be distributed to the respective faculty members. As it was stated during previous Senate meetings, evaluation reports of the president's and the chancellor's performance will be delivered to the Board of Trustees and those for the deans will be delivered to their provost/chancellor.

Regarding the evaluation of President Jacobs, we received 382 responses from a pool of approximately 1,100 faculty members. This translates to a response rate of approximately 35% -- which is a very strong response rate. I would like to thank our colleagues who took the time to evaluate the performance of their administrators and for providing written comments. The evaluation reports for Chancellor Gold and the selected deans are likely to be completed in the next week or two. When completed they will be distributed to their faculty. Note that the evaluation of Dr. Gold was that on his performance as Chancellor. In Fall 2013 he will be evaluated as dean of the College of Medicine.

The following is not part of the Executive Committee Report. I want to say a few words of appreciation to the individuals I have worked with this past year. First, I want to thank each Senator for the time and effort they have provided to this university through their work on Faculty Senate and its committees. Your dedication to our students and community make UT a better university. Next, I want to thank Ms. Quinetta Hubbard for her tireless efforts day-in-and day-out. She is the one that keeps the Executive Committee in line and the trains running on time. My activities as Senate President have been guided by a most excellent Executive Committee. This includes the calm wisdom I received from Lawrence Anderson, Nick Piazza, and Lucy Duhon and the incredibly consistent and reliable advice from Diane Cappelletty, Sara Lundquist, Mark Templin, and Frederick Williams.

Last, this past year I was blessed to have a Vice President that is so very passionate about our students, our faculty and our university. Linda Rouillard never stopped. It did not matter if we were addressing a “big” or “small” issue, Linda Rouillard always stood on principle. Right is right. I could always count on Linda this past year. And I know that when she assumes the Presidency in a few minutes, the faculty at this university can count on Lind Rouillard during this coming year.

Again, I could not have done my job without the help and support from the Executive Committee. I do not have the words to adequately express how grateful to them I am for all that they have done this year. Please give them a round of applause.

[Applause]

President Dowd: At this point of the Executive Committee report I am supposed to say something memorable about my experiences over the past year. However, it has been a very long day and, honestly, I’m too tired to come up with something to say that is either profound or witty.

Past-President Anderson: Point of Order before you say anything memorable.

[Laughter]

Past-President Anderson: As the “dead-president” coming from the interior...to someone who is on their way coming to the gate I want to thank you for the hard work you’ve done this year from all the senators. What we have here is the plaque, *“With thanks and appreciation to Dr. Michael Dowd for his leadership to the University of Toledo Faculty Senate, AY 2012-2013.”*

[Applause]

President Dowd: Thank you, Lawrence; I very much appreciate this plaque. It means a quite a lot to me. But, I don’t want to disappoint Past-President Anderson. Maybe he interrupted me because he knew I wasn’t going to say anything memorable after all. What I meant to say is that I am just too tired to try and say something memorable. I’m sure that I will come up with the right words next week, so if you want, drop me a line and I’ll say something impressive then. <laughter>. Sincerely, all I can say is that I’ve worked as hard as I could for the Faculty Senate each and every day over this past year and I hope I made a positive difference. It has been my honor to serve as the President of your Faculty Senate.

This concludes my portion of the Executive Committee report. Are there any other issues that the Executive Committee members would like to raise? No? Okay, on to the next agenda item. I would like to introduce the newly elected Senators. At this point I ask those individuals to stand up when I call your name – so your colleagues can begin to relate names with faces:

- From The College of Business we have Hassan HassanElnaban and Don Wedding who has been re-elected.
- From the College of Education and Health Services & Health Sciences we have Leigh Charelott, Mary Ellen Edward, and Amy Thompson who has been re-elected.
- From the College of Engineering we have Steve Le Blanc and Scott Molitor who has been re-elected.
- From the College of Law we have Bruce Kennedy.
- From the College of Literature and Social Sciences we have Mark Denham, Charlene Gilbert, and Michael Kistner.
- From the College of Medicine we have Lawrence Elmer, Steven Farrell, Douglas Federman, William Gunning, Marlene Porter, and Roland Skeel.
- From the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics we have Anthony Quinn and Sibylle Weck- Schwarz who has been re-elected.
- From the College of Nursing we have Carolyn Lee who has been re-elected.
- From the College of Visual and Performing Arts we have Holly Monsos.
- From the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences we have Martin Ohlinger who has been re-elected.

President Dowd: Thank you. Before we move to elections, are there any announcements?

Senator Gilbert: Yes, This Thursday at Noon, there will be a research presentation sponsored by the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. Pizza will be served.

President Dowd: Thank you. The next item of business is elections of Faculty Senate officers for AY2013-14. We will be distributing “clicker” devices so that we can conduct the elections electronically. Note that the only individuals that may vote are continuing Senators and newly elected Senators.

The first election is that for the office of Vice-President and President-elect of Faculty Senate. I now open nominations from the floor for this office.

Nominees: Frederick William was nominated and accepted the nomination
Karen Hoblet was nominated and accepted the nomination

Are there any other nominations for Vice-President and President-elect? Hearing none, may I have a motion to close the nominations? Do I have a second to close nominations? All those in favor of closing the nominations say “aye.” Any opposed say “nay.” The nominations are closed. We will now conduct the election to this office.

<After the votes were tallied> I am happy to announce that our next Vice President and President-elect of Faculty Senate is Karen Hoblet. Congratulations, President-elect Hoblet.

President-Elect Hoblet: Thank you.

Past-President Dowd: This point in the elections we are conducting today is particularly pleasurable for me because the rules of Faculty Senate state that as soon as the new Vice President is elected, the current President-elect (Linda Rouillard) immediately becomes the new President of Faculty Senate. And, therefore, I immediately become the new Past-President. <laughter> It is at the discretion of President Rouillard as to whether she would like to preside over the remaining elections or if she instead would like me to continue running the meeting.

President Rouillard: You can continue to run the meeting.

Past-President Dowd: The next election is to the office of Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The rules of Senate state that the Executive Committee is required to place at least one person's name in nomination for this position. The Executive Committee nominates Lucy Duhon, the current Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate.

Nominees: Lucy Duhon was nominated and accepted the nomination

Past-President Dowd: However, nominations are certainly welcomed and encouraged from the floor. Are there any other nominations for the position of Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate?

Senator Wedding: I move that it be closed.

Past-President Dowd: Is there a second to that motion? All those in favor of closing the nominations say "aye." Any opposed say "nay." Because there is only one nomination, I ask the Senate for permission to elect by acclamation?

Group of Senators: Yes.

Past-President Dowd: Thank you. All those in favor of Lucy Duhon serving as the Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate say "aye." Any opposed say "nay." Congratulations, Executive Secretary Duhon.

The next election is for the individual to serve as the UT faculty representative to the Ohio Faculty Council to the Ohio Board of Regents. The individual elected to this position is also a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Before I go further, I would like to recognize Senator Nick Piazza for the significant time and effort he devoted to serving on that council. Nick was a terrific representative because he carried the concerns of the UT faculty to that council and, if you recall, he regularly appeared before Senate to report to us the discussion, deliberations, and actions of that council. This position involves a once-a-month trip to Columbus to participate in Ohio Faculty Council. This is a very important position because it keeps the Faculty Senate current with the activities and concerns of faculty at other universities within the state. Are there any nominations for the position of the UT representative to the Ohio Faculty Council?

Nominees: Mary Humphrys was nominated and accepted the nomination

Past-President Dowd: Are there any other nominations for the position of the UT faculty representative to the Ohio Faculty Council? Hearing none, may I have a motion to close the nominations? All in favor of closing the nominations say "aye." Any opposed? The nominations are closed. Since there is only one nomination, we again shall do this by acclamation. All those in favor of Mary Humphrys serving as UT faculty representative to the Ohio Faculty Council to the Ohio Board of Regents say "aye." Any opposed say "nay." Congratulations, Senator Humphrys.

The next elections are for At-large representatives to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. I will begin with the elections of the two At-large representatives from the Health Science Campus. May I have nominations for these two positions?

Nominees: Walter Edinger was nominated and accepted the nomination
Jeffrey Hammersley was nominated and accepted the nomination

Past-President Dowd: I just received a question from the floor. Dr. Hammersley, does your term on Senate expire this year? Our records indicate that your term ends in AY2012-13.

Senator Hammersley: I don't believe so.

President Rouillard: According to the Faculty Senate roster, AY2012-2013 Senator Hamersley's term ends this year.

Senator Hammersley: Then in that case, I nominate Douglas Federman.

Nominees: Douglas Federman was nominated and accepted the nomination

Past-President Dowd: Are there any other nominations for At-large representatives from the Health Science Campus to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee? Hearing none, may I have a motion to close the nominations? Is there a second? All those in favor of closing the nominations say "aye." Any opposed say "nay." The nominations are closed. We have two individuals nominated for the two At-large representatives from the Health Science Campus to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. We again shall do this by acclamation. However, only Senators from the Health Science Campus may respond here. All Health Science Senators in favor of Walter Edinger and Douglas Federman serving as At-large representatives to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee say "aye." Any opposed say "nay." Congratulations to Senators Edinger and Federman on their election to the Executive Committee.

The next elections are for two At-large representatives from the Main Campus to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. May I have nominations for these two positions?

Nominees: David Krantz was nominated and accepted the nomination
Mary Ellen Edwards was nominated and accepted the nomination
Jerry Van Hoy was nominated and accepted the nomination

Past-President Dowd: Are there any other nominations for At-large representatives from the Main Campus to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee? Hearing none, may I have a motion to close the nominations? Is there a second? All those in favor of closing the nominations say “aye.” Any opposed say “nay.” The nominations are closed. Because we have three individuals nominated for the two At-large positions, we shall have an election for the first of these two positions. When that is concluded we will open the floor for nominations for the second of these positions. We will now conduct the election for the first of these two positions. Note that only Senators from the Main Campus may vote in this election.

<After the votes were tallied> I am happy to announce that the first At-large representative from the Main Campus to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is Mary Ellen Edwards. I congratulate Senator Edwards. I now open the floor for nominations for the second At-large representative from the Main Campus.

Nominees: Jerry Van Hoy was nominated and accepted the nomination
Amy Thompson was nominated and accepted the nomination

Past-President Dowd: Are there any other nominations for the second At-large representative from the Main Campus to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee? Hearing none, may I have a motion to close the nominations? Is there a second? All those in favor of closing the nominations say “aye.” Any opposed say “nay.” The nominations are closed. We will now conduct the election for this second position. Again, only Senators from the Main Campus may vote in this election.

<After the votes were tallied> I am happy to announce that the second At-large representative from the Main Campus to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is Amy Thompson. I congratulate Senator Thompson.

This completes the election of individuals to the AY2013-14 Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Before we move to the next agenda, I want to thank Scott Molitor and Any Jorgensen for providing Faculty Senate with the “clicker” devices so that Senate was able to conduct our elections electronically.

At this point, we need to move to our next agenda item. At this time I invite to the podium Professor Steven Peseckis, Chair of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum, to present proposals received by his committee.

Prof. Peseckis: We have two course modifications to add to the designation which was a designation approved by the Senate two years ago. In the process we approved the courses and with that designation we are recommending. All in favor for approving these course modifications please say “aye.” Any opposed? Any abstentions? Thank you.

Past-President Dowd: Thank you. However, before you leave the podium, Professor Peseckis, may we have a few more minutes of your time? I invite President Rouillard to join us at the podium.

President Rouillard: Prof. Peseckis is one of the reasons why I love this faculty. There are so many people that have been voted in Faculty Senate and are in this faculty who are so dependable, dedicated, and devoted and Prof. Peseckis is one of those people. We want to give a plaque for his many, many years of dedication to the Faculty Senate. The inscription says, *“To Dr. Steven Peseckis and appreciation of your many years of dedicated service on the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.”* Thank you.

Prof. Peseckis: Thank you.

[Applause]

Past-President Dowd: The next order of business is a consideration of program modifications by Professor Udayan Nandkeolyar, Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Programs. If you recall, we experienced technical difficulties during a previous Senate meeting and were unable to address proposals before the Committee on Academic Programs. The link containing the relevant material has since been emailed to each Senator. Professor Nandkeolyar could not bring hard copies of the proposals for distribution at this meeting, so we will access that material over the internet. I invite Professor Nandkeolyar to the podium.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: We have three new program proposals and we have eleven program modification proposals to put up today. I want to thank the committee for all of their hard work to plan all of this work in a very short time, thank you very much. We tried to go by the electronic system this time so we can look at all of them in detail.

Senator White: Some of the colleges were told not to do it electronically because the system was not ready and the College of LLSS may not be in the system in regard to the electronic version.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: That is the case and that was another thing that I wanted to bring up, we do need the...one way or the other. The proposals by paper that I did receive in time I tried to incorporate. There were a lot of courses that were approved approximately three back. So, there's not a lot of time to plan courses by our committee, I am sorry, but we weren't able to do that.

There are three proposals: One is from the...Department from the College of Business. One is from the Communications Department from the College of LLSS. If you would like to see what the proposal is I can log into the system right now and we can take a look at it. Again, any faculty member can go to this website, curriculumtracking.utoledo.edu and type in your utab information. On the list you have program proposals and program modifications. Let's look at new proposals and select all colleges and click on the undergraduate link which leads you to the list of all of those proposals in different states. If it is passed by the college dean then it is a "yes." If you want to review all of them you can go inside and it will tell you what it is about. There is not much room for elaboration – this is the system that we have right now.

Senator Jorgensen: One of those is mine, but are the other two new majors?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: Yes.

Senator Jorgensen: ...for approval, is that correct?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: Yes. Women and Gender Studies is based upon a grant. I am asking upon the Academic Committee that you approve these three.

President Rouillard: Can I ask a question before we actually do that?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: Yes.

President Rouillard: Can you go back to the previous screen? There were two programs that had a provost signature that don't have the Senate's signature; I don't know if you were explaining that.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: I am still trying to figure that out here, but, yes, that is the case.

President Rouillard: So there are two programs without Senate's signature?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: Yes.

Senator Molitor: They are also from last year. They might have been approved last year and just didn't get marked in the system; they both are dated November 2012. The curriculum tracking system doesn't adequately inform us.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: Yes, that is the problem with the system; you don't know which one is going through and which one isn't. We need a new system, but we can decide not to use this and just use the paper system, but I am not a member of the Senate so it is up to you to decide.

Senator White: These new courses, has the information about them been presented to Faculty Senate already?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: If we are talking about a new program, there might be some new courses that are associated with a program and plus, Prof. Peseckis would have taken care of it.

Past-President Dowd: Yes, that is so.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: They would have come through Prof. Peseckis first and then I would receive it. By that, can I ask for a motion for all three of these programs? All in favor please say "aye." Any opposed? Any abstentions? *Motion Passed.* Thank you.

Okay, and then we go to program modifications and again, it's the same routine. We are looking for the ones that have the dean's signature. There are quite a few. As you can see, there are a lot of people using the system and there are a lot of new ones as you can see.

Past-President Anderson: Has the committee looked at all of those?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: Not as a committee via face-to-face, but through emails.

Senator Sheldon: Were all of them approved by the committee?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: Yes, they were all approved by the committee.

Senator Plenefisch: I want to make again about NSM [Natural Sciences & Mathematics] paperwork. The dean signed the paper copy, but was never able to electronically sign them. So those are the things that were passed by NSM Council back in December and they simply somehow have gotten stuck in the system.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: The Provost's Office has different people with different authority. For example, I can see the approve button but you can't because I somehow have approval.

Prof. Peseckis: I use this system a lot and it is so flawed, there are so many things about it. Remember, we had a change-over for colleges and we did not know who can approve what? For years I could not approve myself anything. A very serious problem with this is that we don't have the authority to update approvals electronically and that is why I ask that I receive the hard copies because that is what I can make changes to. So, this is like a guide to receive the information, but I don't believe in it. Two years ago some text was erased, so if we have paper copies we can scan them and we will have them. We have to have paper copies. There are a lot of proposals that are not in the system, but we have the hard copies.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: I was told the Provost's Office is not accepting any paper copies.

Prof. Peseckis: They will.

Senator Jorgensen: When I went in the system I saw we had a lot of them from last year and this year, and I tried to sort by the date and it did not work. It is appalling that a university that has a very fine computer science department, and we can't do something as simple as this in an effective way to meet the needs of our students.

Past-President Dowd: It is commonly referred to as "items falling through the cracks." But what is said far too often is that the "cracks" are in the Provost's office. There have been a number of program changes that have been approved by Faculty Senate that have been lost once they were forwarded to the Provost's Office.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: The proposals can certainly be lost, but the system gives us numbers so we know what we are talking about such as number 32 and it is for everybody, not just some people.

Senator Teelehaimanot: Our chair in the College of Education tried to submit a proposal and when he did half of the document was gone and we couldn't view it. My point is, when we go into the system we should be able to see the complete document with all of the signatures at the same time.

Senator Hammersley: This issue was discussed at least six months ago in this venue. I am wondering if we go back and look at the Minutes, what was the plan/ action at that time?

Past-President Dowd: The action plan was to wait on the Provost's Office because the Provost promised Senate that all of the problems in his office would be fixed. We have been waiting and waiting and waiting and waiting and waiting on the Provost to keep his promise.

Senator Hammersley: Has a formal proposal been made to the Provost Office?

Past-President Dowd: Over the past few months I've personally had a half-a-dozen conversations with individuals in the Provost's Office about this issue. The obvious truth is that Faculty Senate can't order the Provost Office to fix this very serious problem. Instead, for years we have been left to begging or praying or doing superstitious dances with the hope that the university's Chief Academic Officer, our Provost, would consider changes in academic programs important enough to devote sufficient resources to fix this problem. No luck so far.

Senator Hammersley: Is there a document proposal to the Provost Office?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: The proposal has to be developed.

Senator Hammersley: I understand that the system isn't working, so, do we have a formal proposal to the Provost Office to fix this, like a letter?

Past-President Dowd: This has been going on for years on this campus.

Senator Hammersley: Have the request of it been documented?

Past-President Dowd: Yes, but such documentation is not the point anymore. Senate has documented the problem over and over again but there has been no response from the Provost's Office.

Senator Hammersley: Can that be presented to the Faculty Senate?

Past-President Dowd: I suppose we can dig-up the documents. But, again, I honestly do not see the point. We are well beyond a "gotcha moment." We have a problem in the Provost's Office and it needs to be fixed.

Senator Hammersley: I think it makes sense to be highlighted that it's an issue.

Past-President Dowd: I understand what you are saying and I agree with you. However, I am supremely frustrated over this issue and the unwillingness of past and current provosts to fix a very serious problem. That is really where I am at on this issue.

Senator Monsos: This has been raised in the Dean's Council several times. It has been raised in the assistant-associate meetings with the Provost Office that are held twice per month more times that I can count. Sometimes we are told, "It will be fixed soon," but it never seems to change.

Senator Barnes: I would just like to ask that the Senate vote on the ones that the committee has looked at and has approved. I recognize the frustration over these ongoing issues. We have some suggestions about the form itself and I think that maybe the chairs for next year can get together (the committees that have issues) and get a proposal together, but, can we please just vote on these programs that we did not get to vote on the last time, please?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: I was hoping someone would say that <Laughter>. Can I get approval for these eleven listed on this document here?

Senator White: On the previous screen we can only see it by scrolling down. In the College of NSM, the Mathematics and Statistics Department are showing here and they did not have a "why" under the dean's list, so I cannot vote until I know if that one is included as well as what Senator Plenefisch has told us or not.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: Let's scroll down and see.

Senator White: It's in Math and the third box under the dean's column does not have why. So, we have the paper copy approved by the dean, are we voting on that or not?

Prof. Nandkeolyar: According to my list we are. I don't know how this happened; was there another version in here?

Senator Molitor: I don't know if it requires a motion, but I want to make a motion that the vote be on the programs that are in the Microsoft Document up there.

Past-President Dowd: Would you mind please repeating your motion? I want to be sure that Senators know what they are actually voting on.

Prof. Nandkeolyar: We are voting on approving these program modifications. There are eleven of them and the last one is actually five because there are five different concentrations that they have. All in favor please say "aye." Any opposed? Abstentions? *Motion Passed.* Thank you very much.

Past-President Dowd: Professor Nandkeolyar, I know this has involved significant work on your part and on the part of each member of your committee. I appreciate very much your work in this area and please extend my gratitude to each member of your committee for the time and effort they have devoted to this very important business.

[Applause]

Senator Relue: I have a question. Since the curriculum tracking system seems to be nonfunctional and causing more confusion until it clears up, could we pass a motion within Senate in terms of how we are going to deal with proposals coming through that we require signatures to make it to the Faculty Senate Office and then they will be distributed to the committees for an action so we will have a clear of what our action items are because this doesn't seem to be clear in terms of people knowing what is being acted on.

Past-President Dowd: If I may, are you suggesting that Senate require at least one hard copy delivered to the Faculty Senate Office – complete with all the appropriate signatures?

Senator Relue: Yes. And then once it is assured that everything is complete on the proposal then it would be sent to Prof. Peseckis or the Programs Committee for action.

Senator Edwards: I would second that.

Past-President Dowd: I need guidance from the Senate. I interpret the proceeding discussion as a motion with a second? Is there any discussion?

Senator Lundquist: Why don't we stop using it until it is ready/fixed?

Senator Lee: Could we qualify that in a different way to set an expectation for it to be working?

Group of Senators: We have done that before.

Provost Scarborough: Thank you. As you and I discussed in the past, the curriculum tracking system is an issue that has been set aside and Peg Trabant has been working on it for a number of months. Within the last month I sat in a meeting with her and folks from Information Technology to talk about the challenges of the system. In a collective meeting I intend to help talk about the system that was functional; part of the system that was functional that some of the changes that have been requested have not yet been processed. There's a good conversation about the training that is necessary to help folks with the system because the system has been described as nonfunctional, and at least in I.T.'s view point, that is not true. There is a disconnect between what is functional and a sense of those of you who may trust in the system or houses' the system. That is not to say there have not been any changes that have been requested that have not yet been processed. But maybe, on top of it what I would suggest is you ask Peg Trabant to ask a point person on the project, to come to you with a presentation to give you all the current information and all the work that has been done, and all the work that is planned, and then you can all decide perhaps the next appropriate step. It is not that the new system is not working, but like Dr. Dowd said, everyone should be pleased with the functionality of the system.

Past-President Dowd: I just want to add quickly that this problem was not caused or created by the current provost; he inherited this problem. That said, it is now his responsibility to fix the problem that is within his office.

Provost Scarborough: This is a system where the person that actually wrote the code no longer works for the university. There is a new I.T. team that stepped in to try to pick up the pieces to make this work.

Senator Hoblet: Dr. Scarborough, have you had people, such as Dr. Peseckis, and some of the other people who worked on curriculum and used the system and describe it as nonfunctional working with this team with Peg Traband and I.T. to ensure that they are addressing these specific issues?

Provost Scarborough: If Peg has not done that I will suggest it to her for the future because it is a great idea. Perhaps I can speak to that, I know that Peg has worked with a number of people to try to get it resolved.

Senator Hoblet: That would be helpful. Thank you.

Past-President Dowd: We have a motion on the floor to deliver at least one hard copy to the Senate office complete with signatures. That motion has been seconded. Is there any further discussion?

Senator Teclehaimanot: I think where the problem is when you have a hardcopy some of the copies are very old and some are brand new. Let's say for example, if you submit a course proposal with such incentive the form that we have is old, it does not exist and you have to go to the curriculum tracking system. The way I do it is if you ...the curriculum tracking system and if you print it with 80% then it works so the signatures that are given is printed and the hardcopies and electronic copies as well. However, when you try to print it about 80% of it is gone instantly. Another issue is that, let's say from a faculty member I submit a proposal and let's say if I make a mistake there is no way I can make corrections, the system does not allow us to make it. So my part is, maybe some of us can work with the Provost Office and I.T. so we can point out what the issues are so we can fix it correctly once and for-all.

Past-President Dowd: Thank you. Let's act on the motion that has been seconded. That is, Senate requires at least one hard copy of proposals delivered to the Faculty Senate Office complete with all appropriate signatures? All those in favor say "aye." Any opposed say "nay." ***Motion Passed.***

Senator Barnes: Any of you who are Toledo *Blade* readers may be aware that the University of Toledo has severed its ties to local abortion providers. Through conversation with faculty in the College of Nursing and the OBGYN Department, I've learned that abortion education is a requirement for OBGYN students. This decision puts our OBGYN students in jeopardy, and the faculty's recommendation was, of course, ignored in the decision making process. I am asking that the Senate join other groups in requesting that administration reconsider this position. This is not about personal beliefs; it is respecting the faculty and the education we need for our students.

Past-President Dowd: To that, I am not quite sure whether you are making a statement or asking for Senate action. Please clarify.

Senator Barnes: That is a motion.

Past-President Dowd: No it's not. That is way too long and winding for a motion. <laughter> If you would, please restate your motion.

Senator Barnes: The motion is that Faculty Senate supports the necessary education of our OBGYN students and the transfer agreements and requests administration reconsider their decision to sever ties with the clinics.

Past-President Dowd: Thank you. I want to point out that the University Council passed a resolution asking the president to reconsider his position on this issue. However, I do not recall the exact wording of that resolution.

Senator Barnes: Thank you.

Past-President Dowd: Are there any University Council members, other than myself, in attendance today that could clarify the resolution passed by the University Council? No?

Senator Barnes: "The Faculty Senate joins the Council of University Chairs of obstetrics and gynecology, over 250 UT medical students, UT Student Government, the UT Dept. of WGST and the Department of OBGYN and University Council is requesting that the administrators reconsider its position on transfer agreements with local abortion providers."

Past-President Dowd: Do I have a second for that motion?

Group of Senators: Second.

Past-President Dowd: Is there any discussion for that motion?

Senator Unknown: Is everyone well informed about the issues? I mean I read it in the newspaper the last two days and that is about all I know. There is not a lot of information there about it so I am not sure what the issues are about.

Senator Barnes: Well, interestingly Dr. Jacobs argued today that the decision was in the interest of neutrality and said that he will not take a stand. Those of us who remember Senate Bill 5 and that he was the only university president in the state to take a position on it, wish he would have preserved his neutrality there. But in this case, the consequence of this policy reversal is that clinics are in jeopardy of closing if they don't have transfer agreements, which is not neutral. It is a harm not only to our medical students, but of course, also to women of the Toledo community who are seeking abortions.

Senator Lee: and our students are in jeopardy...so I am very much in favor for supporting that motion.

Senator Unknown: I think the issue that we are supporting is whether we have faculty input... so if you don't know the detail of the issue those details are not so much the issue as the process.

Past-President Dowd: Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, we will vote on the motion. All of those in favor of the motion say “aye.” Any opposed say “nay.” *Motion Passed.*

We have addressed the order of business included on our agenda. Is there any old business?

Senator Jorgensen: I would like to take this time at the last Senate meeting to let you know about a passing of a program. About ten years ago it was with a very collaborative administration that a program was developed. It was the First Year Experience Program. It was developed because they were very concerned first-year student students were not returning for a second year because the University of Toledo lags other institutions in this regard. Over several years seventeen different programs that were approved through the competitive process to help students become sophomores; it included programs such as tutoring as well as residential office programs. It was required that each show that were that they were being defective. Some of these programs still exist under other university units. The position of the first year experience director was ended just recently.. It really seems to me that because the University of Toledo lags the state in terms of first-year retention that this is where we should be recruiting our students by teaching them how to succeed...But we are turning our back on many of these programs, to the best of my knowledge. It is a mistake – it is moving in the wrong direction. Again, this administration not listening to the faculty and the staff, who know something about education, in order to better our students and so, I note this passing.

Past-President Dowd: Are there other Senators that wish to add comments on the First-Year Experience? No? In that case, is there any other Old Business? Any New Business? No? In that case, I invite Linda Rouillard to the podium for initial remarks as your AY2013-14 Faculty Senate President.

President Rouillard: Just a few other words of thanks to some very long serving members of Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee would like to thank Mary Humphrys for her long service as well as Scott Molitor who also did so much work on core curriculum. We have some cards that we would like to distribute to you afterwards. Is Mike Caruso here? We also want to thank Mike and we have a card as well for him. The Faculty Senate as a whole also would like to thank Quinetta for everything she has done for us this year as well.

[Applause]

This is also our chance from the Executive Committee to thank President Dowd for everything that you have done this year as well. We have a little surprise for you after Faculty Senate so that you can remember that after all this hard work you will get to enjoy some of the finer things in life and take the time to smell the roses and you will understand in just a few minutes.

[Applause]

Past-President Dowd: Thank you, President Rouillard. It truly has been a pleasure working with you this year. To the Senate, I have been and continue to be humbled by the trust you placed in me. As I stated earlier, it has been my honor to serve you as Faculty Senate President.

May I have a motion to adjourn?

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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