**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**Thursday, December 14, 2017 – 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Hughes-Trigg Ballroom West**

**Present: Sabri Ates; Dick Bar; Rhonda Blair; Dennis Foster; Kevin Hanlon; \*Paul Krueger, presiding; Matt Lockard; \*Brian Molanphy; Beth Newman; \*Dayna Oscherwitz; Dan Reynolds; Tim Rosendale; Elizabeth Russ; Susanne Scholz; \*Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner; Josh Tate; \*Pia Vogel; \*Matthew Wilson; John Wise**

**Absent: Adriana Aceves; Karen Baker-Fletcher; \*Sree Bhaskaran; Neil Bhattacharya; Michael Braun; Richard Briesch; Daniel Buraczeski; Carlos Davila; Rajat Deb; Sean Griffin; Grant Hayden; LiGuo Huang; Susanne Johnson; Francesca Jones; Robert Kehoe; Leanne Ketterlin-Geller; John Lamoreaux; Tamara Lewis; Luigi Manzetti; Stan Markov; Cheryl Mendenhall; Saltuk Ozerturk; Victoria Palacios; John Potter; \*Abigail Pruitt; Andrew Quicksall; Susana Solera Abodoe; Aurelie Thiele; Halit Uster; Candace Walkington; Steve Weisenburger;**

**Ex Officio: Steve Currall**

**Visitors: Doug Reinelt, Daniel Eady**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Paul Krueger at 4:00 PM.
2. This was a special unscheduled meeting held so Provost Currall could present and discuss the “Enhancing Academic Quality” overview document which the Senate had received and read. Provost Currall presented a summary of the dialog so far and indicated the next step is distilling ideas and providing specific recommendations.
3. During the hour meeting, many of the senators posed questions regarding the document. President Krueger was the first to ask Provost Currall a question regarding the plans for the property SMU owns on the East Campus. Cornell Tech was discussed as an example. The Ford Research Center was also discussed as a future hub for digital activities
4. Dennis Foster, John Wise and Pia Vogel raised challenges, including the lack of wet lab space in the planned Ford Research Center.
5. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner broached the issue of URC funding. In the fall of 2016, an additional $100,000.00 was added to the URC budget by President Turner through OE2C as a “place holder”, suggesting additional future funds. Prof. Stevenson-Moessner requested an immediate increase in URC funding to help more faculty disseminate research, attend conferences, and enhance the academic image of SMU. Additional funding and faculty support concerns were discussed.
6. Prof. Stevenson-Moessner also brought the concerns of the Perkins’ faculty regarding the reorganization of the Bridwell Library. Provost Currall indicated there is no reduction in commitment to the Bridwell library under the plan of reorganization of the SMU libraries’ management structure.
7. Sabri Ates, Brian Molanphy, Suzanne Scholz; Tim Rosendale, Rhonda Blair and Matthew Wilson all had questions and comments for Provost Currall, including discussion of the importance of our physical resources such as Meadows Museum and Bridwell Library; the need for increased budgetary support of Central University Libraries; and the need for increased communication with and visibility in the media.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Maynard