**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018 – 3:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Hughes-Trigg Ballroom West**

**Present:** Adriana Aceves; Sabri Ates; Dick Barr; David Bertrand; Sreekumar Bhaskaran; Neil Bhattacharya; Rhonda Blair; \*Michael Braun; Marcus Butts; Jing Cao; Michael Connolly; Frank Coyle; Carlos Davila; Rajat Deb; Dennis Foster; Amar Gande; Kevin Hanlon; \*Grant Hayden; Robert Kehoe; \*Paul Krueger; John Lamoreaux; Tamara Lewis; Steven Lindquist; \*Brian Molanphy; Beth Newman; \*Dayna Oscherwitz, presiding; John Potter; Meredith Richards; \*Tim Rosendale; Elizabeth Russ; Susana Solera Adoboe; Herve Tchumkam; Aurelie Thiele; \*Pia Vogel; Candace Walkington; Kathleen Wellman; John Wise

**Absent:** Sean Griffin; Susanne Johnson; Francesca Jones; \*James Lee; Cheryl Mendenhall; Saltuk Ozerturk; \*Abigail “Abby” Pruitt; Andrew Quicksall; Joshua Tate; \*Matthew Wilson; Yunkai Zhou

**Ex Officio:**

**Visitors:** Doug Reinelt; Dr. Evelyn Ashley; Elsie Johnson; Mariana Caldera

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dayna Oscherwitz at 3:12 PM.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes of the Senate meeting on May 5, 2018 and May 23, 2018 were approved.
4. President Dayna Oscherwitz introduced new senators and they were presented with Faculty Senate pins.
5. Dean of Students Ad Interim, Dr. Evelyn Ashley and Director of Student Support, Elsie Johnson presented plans and programs at the Students Affairs Office. The goal of Student Affairs is to ensure students’ wellbeing and success, while maintaining integrity and honor. They discussed the importance of working with faculty to reach students with difficulties, through the Caring Community Connections (CCC) program, and addressing academic misconduct issues through the Faculty Disposition reporting and Referrals to the Honor Council. They informed the Senate about faculty notifications regarding pregnant and parenting student, and the obligation (Title IX ) to provide accommodations for these students.

They reported about two new initiatives: The Faculty Training Pilot, to help Faculty understand and work with students that are experiencing challenges, and The Food Pantry to address food insecurity on campus. Finally, they reminded the Senators that all faculty are required to report any allegation of sexual misconduct.

1. President Dayna Oscherwitz presented the recommendations from the 2017 Student Policies Committee to be ratified by the Senate, at the request of several Senators. She read the recommendations and opened the floor for discussion. Members of the 2017 Student Policies committee clarified questions about some of the items. Consensus was reached to draft two resolutions:
	1. Resolution to look at programming to communicate to students that faculty are mandatory reporters of sexual misconduct, and to make this information more prevalent and relevant.
	2. Resolution to include statement in the syllabus regarding accommodations to pregnant and parenting students, a Title IX mandate.
2. Updates were presented on summer activities:
	1. Professor Paul Krueger and President Oscherwitz have been working on the Colonial Group Survey along with Michael Tumeo, and are now working on timeline and analysis.
	2. Associate Provost, Professor Dough Reinelt reported updates on:
		1. The Student Evaluation Survey.
		2. Revisions to the University Policy Manual.
		3. Status of the Salary Equity Study
		4. Training for Department Chairs
	3. President Oscherwitz updated the Senate regarding meetings with the Provost, Steven Currall and Associate Provost, Peter Moore about plans for East Campus and the new programs to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship, like the new SMU Incubator
3. Senate Committee rosters and chairpersons were approved.
4. Senate Committee charges were reviewed and approved.
5. The Senate went into *Executive Session* to approve the Honorary Degrees Committee membership, the members were approved.
6. The Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susana Solera Adoboe