**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Wednesday, 23 May 2018**

 **1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Hughes-Trigg Forum**

Present: Adriana Aceves, Sabri Ates, David Bertrand, Sree Bhaskaran, Neil Bhattacharya, Rhonda Blair, Marcus Butts, Frank Coyle, Carlos Davila, Dennis Foster, Amar Gande, Sean Griffin, Kevin Hanlon, Susanne Johnson, \*Paul Krueger, \*James Lee, Tamara Lewis, Steven Lindquist, Cheryl Mendenhall, \*Brian Molanphy, Beth Newman, \*Dayna Oscherwitz presiding, Saltuk Ozerturk, John Potter, Abby Pruitt, Andrew Quicksall, Meredith Richards, \*Tim Rosendale, Elizabeth Russ, Susana Solera Adoboe, Aurelie Thiele, \*Pia Vogle (Zoom), \*Matthew Wilson, John Wise

Absent: Richard Barr, \*Michael Braun, Michael Connolly, Rajat Deb, \*Grant Hayden, Francesca Jones, Robert Kehoe, John Lamoreaux, Luigi Manzetti, Rebekah Miles, Joshua Tate, Candace Walkington, Steve Weisenburger

Ex Officio:

Visitors: None

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dayna Oscherwitz at 1.01 PM.

2. The agenda of the Senate meeting were approved.

3. President Oscherwitz prefaced discussions of an amendment to the by-laws & a resolution. There have been many calls from the various SMU constituencies to rescind the honorary degree granted to William H. Cosby, Jr. Meanwhile the gravity of the precedent of such an action is recognized. To guard against opening a wide path to future rescissions, President Oscherwitz urged the Senate to approve the by-laws change. President Turner & the Board of Trustees resisted calls to immediately rescind in recognition of the importance of shared governance.

4. Senators discussed the amendment to the by-laws which passed unanimously.

5. Senators discussed a resolution to rescind the honorary degree granted to William H. Cosby, Jr. which passed unanimously.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1.45pm.