**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

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

**Hughes-Trigg Ballroom West**

**Present:** Adriana Aceves; Dick Barr; Neil Bhattacharya; Rhonda Blair; \*Michael Braun; Carlos Davila; Sean Griffin; Kevin Hanlon; \*Grant Hayden; \*Paul Krueger; John Lamoreaux; \*James Lee; Tamara Lewis; Beth Newman; \*Dayna Oscherwitz, presiding; John Potter; Abby Pruitt; Andrew Quicksall; Meredith Richards; \*Tim Rosendale; Elizabeth Russ; \*Susana Solera Adoboe; Herve Tchumkam; Aurelie Thiele; \*Pia Vogel; Kathleen Wellman; \*Matthew Wilson; John Wise; Yunkai Zhou

**Absent:** Sabri Ates; David Bertrand; Sreekumar Bhaskaran; Marcus Butts; Jing Cao; James Coleman; Michael Connolly; Frank Coyle; Rajat Deb; Dennis Foster; Amar Gande; Susanne Johnson; Francesca Jones; Robert Kehoe; Steven Lindquist; Cheryl Mendenhall; \*Brian Molanphy; Saltuk Ozerturk; Candace Walkington

**Ex Officio:**

**Visitors:** Doug Reinelt; Sue Bierman; Alexa Taylor; Chair of the Honorary Degree Committee; Ian Harris

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dayna Oscherwitz at 3:12 PM.
2. The agenda was amended, to include vote on recommended syllabus statement on pregnant and parenting students, and approved.
3. The minutes of the Senate meeting on November 7, were approved.
4. The Faculty Senate went into executive session to discuss and vote on the recommendations of the Honorary Degrees Committee. The nominees won with a majority of the vote.
5. The Faculty Senate voted on the recommended syllabus statement on pregnant and parenting students. The motion passed.
6. Sue Bierman and Alexa Taylor, Director and Senior Associate Director of Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies (DASS) reported on services, procedures and challenges of DASS. Mrs. Taylor opened her presentation by explaining the process of identifying students’ needs and establishing their recommended accommodations. She presented data on the increasing volume of required services. The percentage of students needing accommodations has gone from 7% in 2013 to 11% during Fall 2018. This percentage is not expected to decrease and it should stay the same or increase due to a number of factors, among them, more available information, and less social stigma and bias towards psychological conditions. This increase has not been met with an increase of resources, and DASS must serve a larger number of students with a very limited amount of resources, staff and space. More support is needed.
7. Dr. Ian Harris, Chair of the Calendar Committee, provided a report on the academic calendar for AY 2020-2021. Following discussion, the Faculty Senate voted to approve the proposed calendar.
8. The Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susana Solera Adoboe