**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018 – 3:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Hughes-Trigg Ballroom West**

**Present:** Adriana Aceves; Sabri Ates; David Bertrand; Sreekumar Bhaskaran; Marcus Butts; James Coleman; Michael Connolly; Frank Coyle; Carlos Davila; Rajat Deb; Dennis Foster; Amar Gande; Kevin Hanlon; \*Grant Hayden; Francesca Jones; \*Paul Krueger; John Lamoreaux; \*James Lee; Steven Lindquist; \*Brian Molanphy; \*Dayna Oscherwitz, presiding; Saltuk Ozerturk; John Potter; Meredith Richards; \*Tim Rosendale, Elizabeth Russ; Susana Solera Adoboe; Herve Tchumkam; Aurelie Thiele; Candace Walkington; \*Matthew Wilson; Yunkai Zhou.

**Absent:** Dick Barr; Neil Bhattacharya; Rhonda Blair; \*Michael Braun; Jing Cao; Sean Griffin; Susanne Johnson; Robert Kehoe; Tamara Lewis; Luigi Manzetti; Cheryl Mendenhall; Beth Newman; \*Abby Pruitt; Andrew Quicksall; \*Pia Vogel; Kathleen Wellman; John Wise

**Ex Officio:**

**Visitors:** Doug Reinelt; Michael Molina

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 October 3, were approved.
4. Michael Molina, Associate Vice President of Facilities Planning and Management, introduced himself and his background to the Faculty Senate. He talked about his commitment to communication and to providing solutions. He presented his vision, planning and focus for the upcoming year, and how he is planning to improve on responsibility and transparency. He reported about some infrastructure challenges on campus and enumerated some of the new initiatives that will address these issues. He addressed senators’ questions about:
	1. Satisfaction on sustainability decisions, particularly those pertaining to curtailment and temperature control.
	2. The input of core constituencies in the decision making.
	3. Line of decision making, and how to reach out.
	4. Custodial and Cleaning issues on campus
	5. Major upcoming projects
	6. East campus

Professor Paul Krueger reminded the Faculty Senate of monthly meetings with the Students Senate and the Facilities Planning and Management office, as a way to communicate with this office. President Dayna Oscherwitz expressed appreciation to Michael Molina for his partnership with SMU faculty.

1. *Resolution Supporting Efforts by the SMU Administration to Educate Students about Mutual Respect and Consent* was reviewed and was approved unanimously.
2. President Dayna Oscherwitz introduced the *Resolution Honoring Associate Provost Peter Moore and the General Education Task Force* to the Faculty Senate. This resolution was approved unanimously.
3. Professor Paul Krueger presented the *Resolution Calling for Health Coverage for Ph.D., M.F.A. and S.J.D Students.* This resolution was reviewed and approved unanimously.
4. *Recommended Syllabus Statement for Pregnant and Parenting Students* was presented to the Faculty Senate, after discussion, it was decided to table this issue and bring it back to the December meeting.
5. President Dayna Oscherwitz updated the Senate about:
	1. The status of the Honorary Degree Nominations, that will be presented in December to the Faculty Senate.
	2. The critical situation of the Disability Accommodation and Success Strategies office (DASS). It was decided to table this discussion and bring it back at a later time given the importance of this issue.
	3. The creation of a Caring Community Connections for faculty. This program will establish a communication and routing system to address assistance to faculty in need and with personal issues. It was suggested to look at peer and aspirant institutions and similar programs or initiatives on how to reach the individuals.
6. The Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susana Solera Adoboe