

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 – 3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Hughes-Trigg Forum

Present: Khaled Abdeghany; Adriana Aceves; Sabri Ates; David Bertrand; Elena Borzova; James Coleman; Rajat Deb; Dennis Foster; Robert Frank; Amar Gande; Stacey Jacobsen; Robert Kehoe; *James Lee; Steven Lindquist; *Luigi Manzetti; Rebekah Miles; *Brian Molanphy; Sid Muralidharan; Omer Ozak; Saltuk Ozerturk; John Potter; *Tim Rosendale, presiding; Susanne Scholz; *Susana Solera Adoboe; Elizabeth Stringer; *Tom Tan; Herve Tchumkam; *Pia Vogel; John Wise

Absent: Neil Bhattacharya; Greg Brownderville; Jing Cao; Michael Chmielewski; Michael Connolly; Frank Coyle; Carlos Davila; Kathleen Gallagher; Xin Lin Gao; *Michael Harris; Grant Hayden (on leave); Susanne Johnson; Lourdes Molina; Anna Offit; Abby Pruitt; Meredith Richards; Luke Robinson; Canan Savaskan-Ebert; *Aurelie Thiele; Candace Walkington; Steve Woods; Yunkai Zhou

Ex Officio:

Visitors: Doug Reinelt; Dick Barr, Watt Black

1. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Rosendale at 3:10 p.m.
2. President Rosendale presented the scope and structure of the meeting, focusing it around policy changes to unpaid leave and its implications to the tenure clock, and finishing with other concerns.
3. Associate Provost, Professor Doug Reinelt presented background and procedural information on changes and revisions to SMU Policy Manual. He introduced Dick Barr and Watt Black, two of the faculty members who served on the review committee, who brought the perspective of the Faculty from the tenured and non-tenure track respectively.
4. Senators discussed section 2.13 and its implications and effects. It was recommended that the old appendix to the unpaid research leave policy (6.13.1) should be appended to the revisions of leave and T&P policies (2.11 and 2.13) for the time being.
5. A motion was presented to the floor by Professor Robert Frank and amended by Professor Rebekah Miles and Professor Dennis Foster, seconded and approved:

Faculty Senate Motion 10/23/2019: “The Faculty Senate recommends that there be a comment period for department chairs and Faculty Senate members prior to the vote to approve the proposed revisions of the Academic Affairs SMU Policy Manual.”

6. Senators expressed concern regarding changes to section 2.22, particularly the graduate students instructors (GSI) requirements, and the unintended repercussions to graduate and

undergraduate programs. It was strongly recommended that the policy be modified so that it accommodates existing approved practices such as that in ENGL.

7. The Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susana Solera Adoboe