Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Senate  
Wednesday March 10, 2010 at 4:00 PM in Room 124 AAB

In Attendance: Bennett Amaechi, Margaret Brackley, Joe Conner, Nandini Ghosh-Choudhury, Keith Krolick, Mark Nadeau, Barry Norling, and Mark Soucy

Absent: Yidong Bai, Allison Beck, Diana Beckmann-Mendez, Krista Bowers, Sally Combest, Christopher Franka, Donna Gardner, Peter Gakunga, Sara Gill, Daniel Johnson, Kaparaboyna Kumar, Catherine Ortega, Qitao Ran, V Sreenath Reddy, James Roberts, Brent Shriver and Rajeshwar Rao Tekmal,

4:00 Meeting was Called to Order by Dr. Amaechi

4:00-4:15 University Topics: Campus Updates
Dr. Robert A. Kaminski, Assistant Vice President for Academic Administration

Dr. Kaminski-Regent McCue and Dr. Shine
Retirement of Marilyn Harrington has been announced. A reception will be on March 24, 2010 from 4:30-6
State of the HSC Address with be April 22, 2010 at noon
Presidential lecture Tuesday April 27, 2010 11-1
GSBS deanship has progressed to negotiation with top candidate
Medical deanship search is on-going

4:15-5:00 Senate Open Discussion

Loss of Tenure Track Status on Assuming Part Time Administrative Duties - History of this issue was discussed along with whether or not it is still an issue. It was suggested that since a committee has been called to look at PTAC processes on campus, it is premature to address this issue now. Lively discussion ensued. Consensus was reached to ask Dr. Mangos, Chair of the PTAC Review Committee to come to the Senate as soon as he is able to discuss the committee’s work.
Share of Intellectual Property—Regents rules related to intellectual property were revised recently. Before this UT-System had 50-50 split with faculty. In 2007, on case by case, a change could be made on split, no need to take to Regents. Two campuses requested a change, MD Anderson and UTHSCSA. MD Anderson was denied because it took too much away from the faculty. UTHSCSA asked for 60-40 split. Dr. Shine suggested that if the UTHSCSA and UTSA merged, policies like this should be discussed. The current policy would cause an inequity between institutions since faculty at UTSA would get more than UTHSCSA. Senators think that there should be parity/equity on campuses for share of intellectual property. Many faculty may not be aware of this issue, but now that we have the CTSA and other collaborations on-going, all participating campuses should be equal. Identify faculty with patents and/or the Intellectual Properties Committee to work with the Senate on the issue. Look to see if there are other inequities on campus.

Conflict of Interest Policy Draft from Board of Regents—how does this relate to Conflict of Commitment policy? The consensus was it still stands.

The Senate was adjourned by Dr. Amaechi at 5:10 PM.