Faculty Senate Minutes for
Wednesday September 8, 2010

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Absent: Allison Beck, Bruce Butterfas, Bennet Amaechi, Qitao Ran, Marijan Gillard, and Kaparaboyna A. Kumar

The Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by the Chair, Dr. Margaret Brackley.

Presentation of Administrative and Faculty Leadership Awards: The first order of the business at this meeting was the presentation of Faculty Senate Administrative and Faculty Leadership recognition awards to Dr. Thomas Mays and Dr. Arlen Richards respectively. Awardees were introduced by the nominator of the respective award and plaque was presented by the chair of faculty senate.

University Topics/Campus Update: Dr. Theresa Chiang, Vice President for Academic Administration gave the campus update. All the Graduate School Dean candidates selected for initial visits have completed their visit to the campus. Decision will be made about which candidates to bring back for additional interviews. At this time the search process is still in progress.

Dr. Chiang updated about various upcoming events.

- **Friday, September 10th**: 9/11 Memorial Ceremony; noon in the AAB Lobby
- **Wednesday, September 15th**: Healthcare Businesswomen’s Association’s Women in Science Conference; 5:30 to 8 p.m. located at the Greehey CCRI – registration required
- **Thursday, September 16th**: Texas Diversity Council’s Healthcare Summit; 8 a.m. to noon, located at the Greehey CCRI – registration required
- **Thursday, September 16th**: Gladys Keene Welcome Reception and the 4th Annual Martinez Lecture; 5 to 8 p.m. located at the Regional Campus in Laredo
- **Saturday, September 25th**: HSC Gala at the Grand Hyatt; 6:30 p.m. reception; 7:30 p.m. dinner program

In addition, Dr. Chiang informed the faculty senate about UT System travel requirements for all international travels for official business. This affects faculty/staff and students. The HSC is in the process of finalizing all policies and procedures based on the UT System mandate. The draft is being reviewed and will share a copy with the Senate as soon a final draft is available. The
major point is that there will be additional approvals instituted to travel internationally. An approval at the local, departmental level is no longer sufficient for international travel.

**Updates from PTAC Review Task Force:** Dr. John Mangos, Chair of the PTAC review task force presented status of progress of this committee. Committee is expected to submit its report to President Dr. Henrich before the end of the year. Dr. Mangos expects there may not be major changes in the existing policies. Some improvements regarding the initial appointment and other clarification may include in this report. Dr. Mangos mentioned one other that 18 months seemed too long a period of time for the promotion process to unfold. He mentioned that the committee would recommend streamlining the process such that it would take much less time. Faculty Senate will share this task force report when it is available with the entire faculty.

**Other Senate Business:** Open discussion suggested that faculty senate should have more close interactions with institutional standing committees to have more faculty input on major issues that affects faculty at large.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Margaret Brackley at 5:05 PM.

**Faculty Senate Agenda**

4:00 Meeting Called to Order  
Margaret Brackley, Chair, faculty senate

4:00-4:20 Presentation of Administrative and Faculty Leadership Awards  
Margaret Brackley, Chair, faculty senate

4:20 – 4:30 Campus Updates  
Theresa Chiang, Vice President for Academic Administration

4:30-4:50 Updates from PTAC Review Task Force  
John Mangos, The Eloise Alexander Distinguished Chair in Pediatric Pulmonology

4:50-5:00 Other Senate Business