

**University Faculty Senate  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 10, 2018**

The University Faculty Senate met at 8:00 am on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 in the Kohnstamm Conference Room of the Administration Building, Grafton campus, with remote locations in Boston and Medford. Present at the meeting were Jenny Aker (Fletcher), John Castellot (TUSM), Brent Cochran (TUSM), Misha Eliasziw (PHCM), Janet Forrester (TUSM), Roger Galburt (Dental), Fulton Gonzalez (A&S), Eulogio Guzman (SMFA), Rob Jacob (A&S), Vida Johnson (A&S), Olympia Karacosta (TUSDM), Anne Mahoney (A&S), Will Masters (Friedman), Douglas Matson (Engineering), Nirupa Matthan (HNRCA), Mitch McVey (A&S), Ali Muftu (TUSDM), Dominique Penninck (Cummings), Pearl Robinson (A&S), Jes Salacuse (Fletcher), Mary Jane Shultz (A&S), Lee Sillin (TUSM), Chris Swan (Engineering), Maher Tabba (TUSM), Norbert Wilson (Friedman), and Henry Wortis (TUSM). *Ex officio* members Provost ad interim Deborah Kochevar, Vice Provost Kevin Dunn were also in attendance. President Melissa Mazan presided over the meeting.

Regrets: Gillian Beamer (Cummings), Jette Knudsen (Fletcher), Roger Tobin (A&S)

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After attendance was called and the senators were welcomed to the meeting, a motion was called, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting, with an amendment to add “ad interim” to the title in reference to the current Provost position.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Educational Affairs and Policy – Melissa Mazan**

After an overview of the EAP committee’s process in developing the University College proposal before the Senate, senators were asked to provide input from their constituencies. Points included the importance of creating a distinction between the teaching faculty and governing faculty of University College, separate committees for degree programs and non-degree programs, and a need for an established procedure for obtaining feedback from the schools, beginning with a standing agenda slot on school faculty meetings. Provost ad interim Kochevar will raise this issue at the next Academic Council meeting.

Several language clarifications were called for in the bylaws:

- Article 1: “The faculty of the Sackler School of Biomedical Sciences and Tisch College shall each elect one faculty member.” (This is a change to reflect election by faculty, rather than being subject to approval by the Provost.)
- Article 1: “The School of Arts and Sciences shall have up to 3 *elected* faculty representatives...”
- Article 2: Add to functions of the faculty “...to advise the trustees as appropriate on the appointment of a dean of the College.” This motion was made, seconded, and carried.
- Article 6: A majority is clarified as “a simple majority of the voting Faculty shall constitute a quorum” (“Voting” faculty distinguishes governing body from instructional faculty.)

Following a motion and second, and with one abstention, the Senate

VOTED:           To move forward with the University College recommendations as amended, and present them to the Trustees at the November meeting

## **2. Nominations – John Castellot**

Committee assignments have gone out for the new academic year. Additional members are needed to serve on the Nominations and Budget committees; John will send an email to schools not yet represented to request volunteers.

## **3. Budget Planning and Development – Vida Johnson**

The Budget committee had no official report, as they have not met over the summer. They will be scheduling their first meeting of the year soon. They also plan to ask administration for a presentation about the current budget deficit.

## **4. Research and Scholarship – Nirupa Mathan**

The Research and Scholarship committee is meeting for the first time this year immediately following the Senate meeting today.

## **5. Faculty Affairs – Chris Swan**

Following an overview of the distributed ombudsperson proposal and the process by which it was derived, Chris told the Senate that the next decisions to be made include: whether the position should be filled by a current faculty member or one who has recently retired; how to treat University-wide ombudsperson efforts in relation to those within schools; and how to structure the position. The issue will be revisited at an upcoming Senate meeting for discussion and Senate approval. The Faculty Affairs committee will also be looking at aspects of tenure in the near future.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Any suggestions for future Senate agenda items should be routed through the Executive Committee, which will then determine whether the issue should be sent first to a committee or scheduled for discussion by the full Senate.

Following a motion and second, the meeting adjourned at 9:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Masters  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate