

**Meeting of the University Faculty Senate
Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 8:00 am
Medford - Cabot 702, Boston - Sackler 802, Grafton - Dean's Conference Room**

The University Faculty Senate met at 8:00 am on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in Cabot 702, Medford campus, with remote locations in Boston and Grafton. Present at the meeting were Gillian Beamer (Cummings), John Castellot (TUSM), Brent Cochran (TUSM), Misha Eliasziw (PHCM), Janet Forrester (TUSM), Roger Galburt (Dental), Fulton Gonzalez (A&S), Eulogio Guzman (SMFA), Rob Jacob (Engineering), Vida Johnson (A&S), Olympia Karacosta (TUSDM), Jette Knudsen (Fletcher), Anne Mahoney (A&S), Will Masters (Friedman), Douglas Matson (Engineering), Nirupa Matthan (HNRCA), Mitch McVey (A&S), Dominique Penninck (Cummings), Pearl Robinson (A&S), Mary Jane Shultz (A&S), Chris Swan (Engineering), Roger Tobin (A&S), and Norbert Wilson (Friedman). *Ex officio* members Provost ad interim Deborah Kochevar and Vice Provost Kevin Dunn were also present. President Melissa Mazan presided over the meeting. Guests Mary Jeka and Lili Palacios-Baldwin were also in attendance to present to the Senate.

Regrets: Jenny Aker (Fletcher), Ali Muftu (TUSDM), Jes Salacuse (Fletcher), Lee Sillin (TUSM), Maher Tabba (TUSM), and Henry Wortis (TUSM).

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes from February 13th
 - a. Moved, second and unanimously approved
3. Executive session for discussion with Mary Jeka, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the university, to discuss Tufts use of the Sackler name and the university's response to the ongoing lawsuit by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against certain members of the Sackler Family and Purdue Pharma.
 - a. Motion & second to move into executive session, unanimously approved
 - b. Motion & second to return to regular session, unanimous approved
4. Discussion of UFS position on Tufts use of the Sackler name
 - a. Motion & second to consider the Executive Committee's resolution, as circulated with the agenda, for possible vote today. Unanimously approved.
 - b. Motion & second to amend the last point as follows (italics added, crossout deleted): “~~If merited by the findings of that report~~ *To fulfill Tufts University's mission and communicate our values*, the University should seek new opportunities to improve terminology for how we refer to *Tufts* activities and buildings ~~on the Boston campus.~~”
 - c. Motion & second to call the question for a vote on the complete resolution:

UFS resolution regarding Tufts links to Sackler activities

WHEREAS great harm to many Americans has come from production and sale of opioids through companies controlled by members of the Sackler family; and

WHEREAS members of the Sackler family have made donations to Tufts University, contributed to the building at 145 Harrison Avenue as well as the graduate school of biomedical sciences; and

WHEREAS faculty, students, and staff have expressed widespread concern that use of the Sackler name represents an endorsement of the family's business activities; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate strongly supports the ongoing investigations into this matter by the Tufts administration, as well as by other institutions and state governments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Continued use of the Sackler name at Tufts University conveys no intent to honor the businesses whose activities are currently under investigation.
2. Upon completion of its investigation, Tufts University should provide a full and clear public report documenting its links to businesses controlled by members of the Sackler family.
3. To fulfill Tufts University's mission and communicate our values, the University should seek new opportunities to improve terminology for how we refer to Tufts activities and buildings.

VOTE: Unanimously approved, with one abstention.

5. Reports of standing committees
 - a. Due to lack of time to discuss the standing committee reports, Melissa conveyed apologies to the committee chairs who had prepared and circulated materials for consideration today, especially Nirupa Matthan and the Committee on Research and Scholarship, whose report on research administration will be discussed at the April meeting.
6. Meeting adjourned at 9:26