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**MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE**

**Monday, March 20, 2017, 4:00PM**

**Murray Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Lauinger**

*(approved w/ correction, April 18, 2017)*

**PRESENT:** Berlinerblau, Boettcher, Calvert, Cohn, Danielsen, Davis, L.Donohue, Engler, Ecelbarger, I.Gale, Glazer, Groves, Hoffman, Jensen, Kamrad, Krim, LaRocque, Lamm, M.Levy, Lieber, Luta, Marhanka, McCartin, Moran-Cruz, Mulrone, M.Nolan, Parsons, Pfeiffer, Sadowska, Shaw, Shields, Turner, Vroman, Weigert,

**ABSENT:** Abusharaf, Arend, Biesenbach-Lucas, Bloch, Bronstein, Byers, Byrne, Cohn, Colie, Cumby, DeFina, Djakiew, Dutton, Ernst, Eshkevari, Evangelista, Feinerman, Fitzpatrick, Gentic, Gewanter, Gillis, Goharin, Goldfrank, Harbert, Heaton, Harris, Hoffman, Hinkson, J.Huang, Iglarsh, Kaltman, Kertesz, Marquez, Mastowfi, McCabe, Montgomery, Moore, Olesko, Otter, Pasachoff, Pellathy, Ross, Salles-Reese, Sandberg, Santos, Saunders, Singer, Steenhuisen, Suarez-Quian, Thomas, Treanor, Wilkinson, Williams, Williamson, Withy, Young.

**GUESTS:** Elissa Newport (Neurology); Rosemary Kilkenny (VP, IDEAA); Lisa Brown (VP and General Counsel); Joshua Dermott (Associate Counsel), Adam Adler (Associate Counsel).

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Davis at 4:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: The minutes of February 12, 2017 were approved with the following votes:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
23		4

### GU Relationship with Nike

Prof. McCartin updated the Senate on the relationship between the University and Nike. The agreement between the parties to be the supplier of athletic gear and clothes for the basketball team did lapse. The parties are currently trying to come to an understanding with the aid of a mediator.

### Secret Ballot Rule

The Senate discussed a rule for when secret ballots should be taken. Secret ballots should be taken if requested by any member of the Senate. Ballots will be given to any member present who also has a signed ballot sheet.

Motion #2: Adopt secret ballot rule:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
25		2

### Consensual Sexual Relations Policy

Joshua Dermott presented a revised version of the Consensual Sexual Relations Policy that takes into account responses, especially of Law Center faculty. The Senate approved the revised policy.

Motion #3: Approve the revised Consensual Sexual Relations Policy (draft dated 03-14-17).

Aye	Nay	Abstain
26		1

### Speech and Expression Policy

The new university wide speech and expression policy was introduced and discussed. After some conversation, and a small editorial change in the first paragraph that ensure that non-verbal expression is also covered, the policy was approved as an addition to the Faculty Handbook.

Motion #4: Approve the proposed Speech and Expression Policy (draft dated 02-16-17) as amended.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
25		2

Resolution re: Executive Order on Immigration

Prof. Laura Donohue introduced a new resolution condemning the revised Executive Order on Immigration. After a short debate, the Senate approved the resolution

Motion #5: Approve the proposed resolution (dated 03-15-17) condemning Executive Order 13780.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
26	1	1

Rule for Confirmation of UCRT Nominations

There was a brief discussion on the confirmation procedure for all UCRT nominations and any contested nominations. The Senate approved adopting a policy for the Senate that mirrors that used by the MC Caucus.

Motion #6: When the Senate is confirming any appointments to UCRT, or any contested appointments to other committees, nominees shall be asked to leave the room at some point to allow for open discussion, after which they shall be called back for a vote by secret ballot. An appointment is contested when there is more than one nominee for a position.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
25	1	1

Revision of Senate Constitution

There was an initial discussion of the draft version of the revised Senate Constitution. The comments and suggestions were taken down by the Senate President who agreed that he and the vice President for the Law Center will go through the document and ensure that the differentiation between those areas where the Senate advises and where it participates in governance is made clearer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Pfeiffer  
PCP/jhg