



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

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**MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 4:00PM**

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

*(approved May 4, 2017)*

**PRESENT:** Aggarwal (for Robert Groves), Biesenbach-Lucas, Boettcher, Bronstein, Calvert (zoom), Cohn, Danielsen, Davis, DeFina, I.Gale, Glazer, Goldfrank, Harbert (zoom), Hoffman, J.Huang, Iglarsh, Kamrad, Krim, Lamm, M.Levy, Luta, Marhanka, Mastowfi, McCartin, Mulrone, M.Nolan, Parsons, Pfeiffer, Saunders (zoom), Shaw, Salles-Reese, Shields (zoom), Turner, Withy,

**ABSENT:** Abusharaf, Arend, Berlinerblau, Bloch, Byers, Byrne, Cohn, Colie, Cumby, Djakiew, L.Donohue, Dutton, Ecelbarger, Engler, Ernst, Eshkevvari, Evangelista, Feinerman, Fitzpatrick, Gentic, Gewanter, Gillis, Goharin, Healton, Harris, Hoffman, Hinkson, Jensen, Kaltman, Kertesz, LaRocque, Lieber, Marquez, McCabe, Montgomery, Moore, Moran-Cruz, Olesko, Otter, Pasachoff, Pellathy, Ross, Sandberg, Santos, Sadowska, Singer, Steenhuisen, Suarez-Quian, Thomas, Treanor, Vroman, Weigert, Wilkinson, Williams, Williamson, Young.

**GUESTS:** Miriam Toporowicz (Pediatrics)

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion #1: The minutes of March 20, 2017 were approved with the following votes:

Aye	Nay	Abstain
29		2

Open Forum

Concerns were raised about the status of the negotiations between Georgetown and MedStar on the new agreement between the two entities. The Faculty Senate asked that the President

of the Senate request information about the status of the agreement between the university and MedStar.

Motion #2: Request information about the status of the agreement with MedStar.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
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### Nominating Committee for Senate Officers

The Steering Committee suggested a slate of candidates for the nominating committee for the Senate officers: Joe McCartin (History), Eloise Pasaschoff (Law), Mary Ann Dutton (Psychiatry).

Motion #3: Motion to approve the slate carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
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### Speech and Expression Policy

There were no further suggestions about the revised speech and expression policy from members of the university.

Motion #4: Motion to approve the Speech & Expression Policy carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
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### Revision of Senate Constitution

The Senate continued to review the Senate Constitution based on a newly revised proposal which takes into account concerns raised by the Law Center about the level of Senate authority with regard to internal governance processes. Procedurally, the Senate will go through the Constitution and approve revised text preliminarily. Once that step has been completed a vote on the full document will be held.

It was suggested to move section 1.c.vi ("Educational and student affairs of general University interest.") to the following section which lists examples where the Senate may make suggestions to the administration.

Motion #5: Motion to move 1.c.vi to 1.d carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
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There were some minor editorial changes.

Motion #6: Motion to approve Sec. 1 as amended carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
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Section 2 (“Membership”) was discussed and the suggestion made to add the Graduate School dean as an *ex officio* member and reduce the number of Main Campus deans to two.

Motion #7: The motion to include the Dean of the Graduate School as an *ex officio* member and reduce the number of additional Main Campus deans from three to two carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
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Motion #8: Motion to approve Sec. 2 as amended carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
24		

There was a brief discussion of section 3 and a minor editorial change suggested and accepted.

Motion #9: Motion to approve Sec. 3 as amended carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
24		

Section 4 (“Election Procedures”) was discussed briefly and some minor editorial changes suggested and accepted.

Motion #10: Motion to approve Sec. 4 as amended carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
13		1

Section 5 was discussed.

Motion #11: Motion to approve Sec. 5 carried.

Aye	Nay	Abstain
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The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Pfeiffer  
PCP/jhg/WD

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