Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting of October 10, 2017

ITEM 1. Call to order: Faculty Senate Vice President Sondor Dorgo called the Faculty Senate to order on October 10, 2017 at 3:06 PM in the Blumberg Auditorium of the UTEP Library.

ITEM 2. Determination of Quorum: was made by Vice President Dorgo, who called for a motion to seat the alternative members. That motion was made by Adam Mahmood and seconded by Laird Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. Consent Agenda: Vice President Dorgo called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on September 12, 2017. The motion to accept these documents was made by Richard Langford and seconded by Jennifer Clifton. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. Acceptance or Modification of Agenda: There being no modifications to the agenda as electronically posted, Vice President Dorgo called for a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was made by Gloria McKee and seconded by Brian Yothers. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. Announcements:
   a. Vice President Dorgo announced the first meeting of the UTEP “Leading Through Change - Leadership Essentials” lecture series. After the Faculty Senate meeting, President Diana Natalicio will present at 3:30pm on October 10, 2017 in the UTEP Union Thomas Rivera room.
   b. The Department of Chemistry has been renamed to Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.
   c. UT System administrators and faculty will visit on October 17, 2017 to meet with UTEP President Natalicio, Provost Parker, and several college deans to discuss UT System faculty governance principles.

ITEM 6. Reports of Standing or Special Committees: Two proposals
   a. Committee on Committees: Carl Lieb (Past Chair of Committee on Committees) presented nominees of faculty to Faculty Senate Standing Committees (committee report provided separately). The nominees were approved by the Senate.
   b. Academic Policy Committee: Meagan V. Kendell (Chair) presented a revised proposal that requires faculty or departmental administrators to add subtitle specification of generic “Special Topics” courses (not including independent/individual research courses) by the census date of each semester (committee report provided separately). The proposal was approved by the Senate.
ITEM 7. Presentations: Vice President Dorgo presented in the absence of Tina Garza (Co-Chair of the SECC). The State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) is an effort to facilitate charitable donations automatically deducted from an employee’s paycheck. UTEP SECC donations amounted to approximately $96,000 in 2017, and the goal for 2018 is $105,000. The deadline to register was October 31.

ITEM 8. Old or Unfinished Business: none

ITEM 9. New Business: none

ITEM 10. Adjournment: There being no further business before the Senate, Vice President Dorgo entertained a motion to adjourn. That motion so made by Maria Amaya and seconded by Jose Herrera. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM.