

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL FOR 2015-2016

The University of Texas at Austin
Main Building, Room 212

Monday, March 21, 2016
2:15 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY** (D 14402-14424)—Hillary Hart (distinguished senior lecturer, civil, architectural, and environmental engineering).
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**
 - A. Minutes of the Regular Faculty Council Meeting of January 25, 2016 (D 14425-14443).
 - B. Minutes of the Regular Faculty Council Meeting of February 15, 2016 (D 14444-14470).
- III. COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRESIDENT**—Gregory L. Fenves
 - A. Comments by the President.
 - B. Questions to the President

Submitted by Professor Lorenzo Sadun (mathematics):

It was recently announced that UT would be using University funds to supplement the grant-funded summer salaries of faculty members whose salaries exceed the caps set by NIH and CPRIT. I understand that this is in response to a UT rule that says these faculty members cannot be paid over the summer at less than their 9-month salary rates (e.g., at the capped rate that the federal government prefers). Wouldn't it be better to simply scrap that rule, at least as it applies to tenure track faculty? This would put us in line with the practices of other major research universities such as MIT, whose summer salary policy can be found at <http://osp.mit.edu/grant-and-contract-administration/managing-projects/guidelines-charging-faculty-summer-salary-summer>.

Is UT Austin making an effort to get that rule changed? At a time when we are pleading financial hardship and imposing tuition increases, both the ethics and the political appearances of spending UT funds to supplement the income of our already highest-earning faculty members seem highly questionable.
- IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**—Andrea C. Gore (professor, pharmacy).
- V. REPORT OF THE CHAIR ELECT**—Jody Jensen (professor, kinesiology and health education).
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**—None.
- VII. REPORTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY, COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMITTEES**—None.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS.**
 - A. Meet Football Head Coach Charlie Strong.
 - B. Report from Men's Athletic Director Mike Perrin.
 - C. Report of the Committee to Nominate Faculty Members for Appointment to the University Co-op Board of Directors (D 14401)—Andrea Gore.
 - D. CMHC Crisis Line/BCAL Information—Rachel A. Osterloh (president, Senate of College Councils).

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS.

- A. Final voting phase for college representatives on the Faculty Council and six standing committees opens March 21 through April 1.
- B. The next Faculty Council meeting will be held on April 11 at 2:15 PM in MAI 212.

X. QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.



Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council