

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING of February 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2019-2020 academic year was held February 20, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22) with Dr. Chad Mahood, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Diane Abdo, Evangeline Aguilera, Samson Alva, Gina Amatangelo, Paul Ardoin, Rajendra Boppana, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Sabina Bhattathiry-Kapoor, Ian Caine, James Chambers, Langston Clark, James Dawes, Glenn Dietrich, Mike Doyle, Roger Enriquez, Ovidio Giberga, Alexis Godet, Abraham Graber, Jamon Halvaksz, David Hansen, Richard Harris, Matthias Hofferberth, Becky Huang, Jeffrey, Kim Kline, Sandeep Langar, Huy Le, Dennis Lopez, Chad Mahood, Michael Miller, Sharon Nichols, Debra Pena, Rica Ramirez, Bill Ramos, Nathan Richardson, Elaine Sanders, Liang Tang, John Wald, Karen Williams, John Zarco, Tina Zawacki, Rene Zenteno

Absent: Sonya Aleman, David Bojanic, Emily Bonner, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Curtis Brewer, Jeffrey Hutchison (excused), Ram Krishnan, Ashok Nedungadi, Chris Packham (excused), Priya Prasad, Pablo Requena, Devon Romero, Dan Sass, Xiaodu Wang

Guests: Sarah Soulek, Melinda Utoft

Total members present: 41

Total members absent: 15

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – January 23, 2020
- The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

Heather Shipley

Academic Affairs: updates on SACS accreditation March 16-19th; update on Dean searches. COLFA candidates are still visiting campus; HCaP candidates are currently in the process of visiting. Director, School of Data Science candidates are in the interview process.

Sean Kelly:

Honors college and the Provost partnership; diversity hiring initiative; tenure track post docs, assigned a mentor of their field of research.

Chair's Report: Chad Mahood

- Finding a designated room at the downtown campus for faculty senate meetings. For faculty who work at the downtown campus, this will be a communal space to participate in the Faculty Senate meetings without having to drive to the main campus.

- Need a volunteer for the Homecoming committee 2020.
- Recommend looking at all your degree plans in your colleges in the course catalogue.
- Other UT system campuses are also going through faculty workload process.
- Faculty titles are changing at UTD.

A. Curriculum Committee – Rajendra Boppana

2 proposals:

New Degree Program/Minor/Concentration/Track Certificates Proposal Template and Secondary and All-Level Certification with Supplementary Certification New Major Proposal. STEM/double major: **The Faculty Senate voted as follows: 28 approved, 2 do not approve, 9 abstentions.**

Pre-APP concentration in Medical Humanities: **The Faculty Senate voted as follows: 34 approved, 1 do not approve, 4 abstentions.**

B. Graduate Council Chair – Elaine Sanders

Grad course catalogue due soon. Everyone should cross check the courses for each college. Incomplete to F policy. Grad school staff looked at data analysis.

C. Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee

See data report: Option A, Option B. Table voting on this action/report.

D. Budget Committee – John Wald

Summer teaching money: topic of contention: how much faculty are paid for summer teaching.

E. HOP Committee – Glenn Dietrich

No report

F. Research Committee – Jamon Halvaksz

No report.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business: none.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 4:54 PM