

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of September 10, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2020-2021 academic year was held September 10, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in Zoom (online meeting) with Dr. Chad Mahood, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance.

Present: Chad Mahood, Sue Ann Pemberton, Dennis Lopez, Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Sandeep Langar, Gina Amatangelo, Ovidio Giberga, Branco Ponomariov, Emily Nicklett, David Hansen, Becky Huang, Rene Zenteno, Jamon Halvaksz, Rica Ramirez, Jeff Prevost, Sonya Aleman, Charles Liu, Dan Sass, Kiran Bhaganagar, Whitney Chappell, Brian Laub, Raj Boppana, Brandy Barksdale, Joshua Thurow, Roger Enriquez, Alexis Godet, Andrew Lloyd, Ian Caine, Andrew Konove, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Daniel Hollis, Priya Prasad, Michael Doyle, Randall Manteufel, William Land, Richard Gretz, Karen Williams, John Wald, Jurgen Engelberth, Debra Pena, Curtis Brewer, Drew Johnson, Zenong Yin, Devon Romero, Liang Tang, Matthias Hofferberth, Chris Packham, James Chambers, Paul Ardoin, Kim Kline, Diane Abdo

Absent: not available

Guests: Kimberly Espy, Heather Shipley, Kendra Ketchum, LT Robinson, Ambika Mathur, Dean Hendrix, Tammy Wyatt, Melinda Utoft

Total members present: 56 Total members absent: not available

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – July 16, 2020
- No one objected to Consent Agenda

III. Reports

Kimberly Espy: see Academic Affairs Update slides

LT Robinson: overview of new changes to Student Affairs; (see slideshow)

Ambika Mathur: Graduate Studies; (see slideshow)

Tammy Wyatt: overview of new changes to student success and personnel; (see slideshow)

Kendra Ketchum: UTS update; (see slideshow)

Dean Hendrix: Library Coalition presentation (see slideshow)

Chair's Report: Chad Mahood – see PowerPoint slides

- Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Diversity and Inclusivity (for electronic vote)
- **The Faculty Senate voted as follows: Yes: 40, No: 0, Abstain: 0**
- UT System FAC Update from SoGF

A. Curriculum Committee –

- Discussion of the Proposal for Certificate in Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (Dept. of Mechanical Engineering); up for electronic vote
- **The Faculty Senate voted as follows: Yes: 39, No: 0, Abstain: 0**

B. Graduate Council Chair – no report

C. Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee –

- no meetings yet, will focus in IP of video courses

D. Budget Committee –

- Discussion on Budget Issues Memo from Committee
- Proposal to vote on Budget Issues Memo
- Next step is to have a meeting with the President, Provost, Veronica Mendez, VPBA, John Wald and Chad
- **The Faculty Senate voted as follows: Yes: 37, No: 0, Abstain: 1**

E. HOP Committee –

- Will try to be proactive, happy to accept nominations to review HOP changes that could be initiated by the FS.

F. Research Committee –

- Reviewing Covid-19 research comments and concerns.
- Busy over the summer talking to VPREKE about the impacts to research, will be continuing that dialogue.
- Collecting information from the faculty about the impacts of research to reviews of faculty, perhaps especially for the junior faculty members

IV. Open discussion: none.

V. New Business:

- Chris to work on the UTRGV memo from their FS, regarding adaptively evaluation of faculty. We will move for input and then an electronic vote.
- Mary McNaughton raised the question about faculty morale and well-being. Mary will contact Chad to consider an ad-hoc committee and pull something together – this would be especially focused on the covid situation at this time. Could become a standing committee for the faculty senate.

VI. Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:15 PM