**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**of November 12, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2020-2021 academic year was held November 12, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in Zoom (online meeting) with Dr. Chad Mahood, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

1. Call to order and taking of attendance.

Present: Chad Mahood, Chris Packham, Priya Prasad, Diane Abdo, Matthias Hofferberth, Alexis Godet, Felicia Villarreal, Ian Caine, Joshua Thurow, Debra Pena, Jeff Prevost, John Wald, Emily Nicklett, Kim Kline, Andrew Lloyd, Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Brandy Barksdale, Brian Laub, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Andrew Konove, Michael Doyle, Ovidio Giberga, Devon Romero, Karen Williams, Richard Gretz, Raj Boppana, Liang Tang, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Paul Arboin, Becky Huang, Drew Johnson, Kiran Bhaganagar, Sonya Aleman, Jamon Halvaksz, Whitney Chappell, Jeff Howard, Curtis Brewer, Roger Enriquez, William Land, Sandra Morissette, Charles Liu, David Hansen, Sandeep Langar

Absent: not available

Guests: Kimberly Espy, Heather Shipley, Taylor Eighmy, Veronica Mendez, Melinda Utoft, Kevin Williams, Sheri Hardison, Sarah Soulek

Total members present: 53 Total members absent: not available

1. Consent Calendar

* Approval of minutes – October 15, 2020
* No one objected to Consent Agenda

1. Reports

**University Leadership Updates – Sheri Hardison & Veronica Mendez**

**•** Update on AFR vs. IRM (see PowerPoint for full details)

• Overall Financial Results

• FY2020 Financial Effect of Covid-19

**University Updates – Academic Affairs**

* UTSA has now reached 1 year as an Adobe Creative Campus
* 2020 statistics on TT/NTT Faculty
* Fall 2020 total enrollment: 34,771

• Update on College Dean search process: COLFA, COEHD, COB

• Fixed-term track faculty

**Digital Learning – Kevin Williams**

* Updates on the Spring 2021 Blackboard: quality matters, online courses, student information

**Chair’s Report: Chad Mahood –** see PowerPoint slides

• Well-being committee update

• Strategic investment fund committee update

• Chris Packham: Tactical Team 5: correct mix of academic programs at UTSA

1. **Curriculum Committee** – no report
2. **Graduate Council Chair –** no report
3. **Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee –** Priya Prasad

*Faculty Emergency Support Memo:*

The Faculty Senate voted as follows: Supports Memo – 47; Do Not Support – 1; Abstain – 1

1. **Budget Committee** – no report
2. **HOP Committee** –

**•** Looking into: minority report of promotion cases and faculty responsibilities and code of conduct; working with Heather Shipley and possible subcommittee.

1. **Nominating, Elections and Procedures Committee** – no report
2. **Research Committee – Jamon Halvaksz**

• Survey coming out: Transformative Research Program: advocate for faculty to fill out the survey.

• Pose a memo to VPREDKE office

1. Unfinished Business: none.
2. Open discussion: none.
3. New Business: SGA is asking for credit/no credit for all classes; Chad had a meeting with SGA today. Will discuss with Faculty Senate Executive Committee
4. Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:00 PM