

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF February 12, 2009

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate for the academic year 2008-2009 was held February 12, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Room (BB 2.06.04) with Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia, Chairman of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Diane Abdo, Yoris Au, Steve Bach, Ron Binks, Aaron Cassill, Fengxin Chen, Joel Christensen, Kim Cuero, Sara DeTurk, Beth Durodoye, Mansour El-Kikhia, Juanita Firestone, John Frederick, Mary Ellen Garcia, Robert Hard, Judith Haschenburger, Victor Heller, Amy Jasperson, Eugene John, Craig Jordan, John McCray, William McCrary, Jolyn Mikow, Sandy Norman, Branco Ponomariov, Hazem Rashed-Ali, Robert Renthall, Michael Ryan, Hatim Sharif, Alan Shoho, John Simonis, Howard Smith, Raydel Tullous, John Wald, Carola Wenk, Karen Williams

Absent: Marian Aitches (excused), Robert Ambrosino, Rena Bizios (excused), Susan Bruenger (excused), William Cooke (excused), Rhonda Gonzales (excused), Zlatko Koinov (excused), Sharon Nichols (excused), Darryl Ohlenbusch, Ben Olguin (excused), Cherylon Robinson (excused), Nestor Sanchez, Ted Skekel, Mary Zey

Guests: Ashley Diaz

Total members present: 36 Total members absent: 14

II. Approval of the December 11, 2008 minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

A. System Faculty Report- Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia

Dr. El-Kikhia briefly reported on the System Faculty meeting in Austin. He stated that the President of UT Austin spoke at the meeting.

At the request of Vice Provost Jesse Zapata, the March Faculty Senate meeting will be held at the Downtown campus (Buena Vista Building).

Dr. Frederick has changed the name of the "Strategic Plan 2016" to "Strategic Resource Planning Council."

B. University Assembly Report- Dr. Sandy Norman

Dr. Norman reported that the University Assembly will meet later this month.

C. Curriculum Committee-Dr. Hazem Rashed-Ali

Dr. Hazem Rashed-Ali discussed:

- BA in modern languages
- Certificate in athletic coaching

The Faculty Senate discussed the proposed degree and certificate..

Dr. Nummikoski, Chair of Modern Languages, briefly explained the proposal and its interdisciplinary support.

- 1) BA in modern languages was approved.
- 2) Certificate in athletic coaching was approved.

D. Graduate consent calendar-William McCrary

The Sociology Ph.D. proposal was approved.

IV. Unfinished Business

- HOP policies

Dr. Jolyn Mikow briefly read the HOP report on behalf of Cherylon Robinson. All HOP policies are now approved except for HOP 2.34 Grievances.

Dr. Juanita Firestone made a motion to table any discussion on the HOP policy. The motion failed. The Senators discussed making changes to the HOP and the HOP committee planned to review the changes before the next meeting.

V. New Business

A. Dr. Sandy Welch and guests

- FAIR- “Faculty Activity Information Reporting”

Dr. Sandy Welch introduced the FAIR program, and Dr. Elaine Sanders explained the program modules and demonstrated how the program works in a step-by-step process. She stated that “FAIR” is a living program and is very secure.

VI. Provost Report – Dr. John Frederick

Dr. Frederick reported on the UT Regent's meeting. He stated that UTSA has not experienced the budget cuts other universities have experienced. However, UTSA will see some changes if the legislature requires more than a 5% decrease in the university's budget.

Dr. Frederick met with the Chairs' council. Starting in the fall semester, all faculty are required to post their syllabi on the web.

VII. Open Forum

Dr. Carola Wenk, senator from the Department of Computer Science, initiated the discussion concerning a review of college deans.

The following recommendation was made and passed:

- The Faculty Senate recommends that the Provost review all deans in their third year of service and that these reviews begin with the 2008-2009 academic year.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted at 5:30 pm.