

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

## DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

### SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF May 12, 2009

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate for the academic year 2008-2009 was held May 12, 2009 at 3:00 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, Steve Bach, Ron Binks, Susan Bruenger, William Cooke, Sara DeTurk, Beth Durodoye, Mansour El-Kikhia, Juanita Firestone, Mary Ellen Garcia, Rhonda Gonzales, Robert Hard, Judith Haschenburger, Victor Heller, Amy Jaspersen, Zlatko Koinov, John McCray, William McCrary (Gabriel Acevedo), Sandy Norman, Hazem Rashed-Ali, Robert Renthal, Cherylon Robinson, Michael Ryan, Hatim Sharif, John Simonis, Howard Smith, Raydel Tullous, John Wald, Carola Wenk, Karen Williams

Absent: Marian Aitches (excused), Yoris Au (excused), Rena Bizios (excused), Aaron Cassill (excused), Fengxin Chen (excused), Joel Christensen (excused), Kim Cuero, John Frederick, (excused), Eugene John (excused), Craig Jordan (excused), Jolyn Mikow, Sharon Nichols (excused), Darryl Ohlenbusch, Ben Olguin, Branco Ponomariov (excused), Nestor Sanchez, Ted Skekel, Alan Shoho

Guests: Ashley Diaz, Marianne Woods, Dennis Haynes, Renee Nank, Diane Walz, Ken Weiher, Hamid Beladi

Total members present: 30                      Total members absent: 18

#### II. Approval of the April 16, 2009 minutes

The minutes were approved.

#### III. Reports

##### A. Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia

Dr. El-Kikhia discussed the possibility of faculty merit increases. He reported that a bill is pending in the Texas House of Representatives regarding the addition of a faculty member to the Board of Regents. The vote is expected soon.

B. University Assembly Report- Dr. Sandy Norman

Dr. Sandy Norman had no report on the University Assembly.

C. Curriculum Committee- Dr. Hazem Rashed-Ali

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the following proposals:

- Health and Kinesiology modification of Specialization in Athletic Medicine
- BA in English w/ concentration in English Language Arts and Reading

Dr. Rashed-Ali briefly explained each proposal and presented feedback from the committee. After the discussing the proposed specialization and concentration, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposals.

D. Academic Policy- Dr. Michael Ryan

The Academic Policy Committee reviewed the following proposals:

- Revision to the grade replacement policy
- Revision to the withdrawal policy

Dr. Mike Ryan discussed issues regarding the proposed revision to the grade replacement policy, and Dr. Larry Williams explained the proposal in further detail.

After a discussion, 19 voted in favor of the grade replacement policy and 4 voted in opposition. The policy was approved.

The withdrawal policy was approved with more than 20 senators voting in favor of the policy.

E. Graduate consent calendar- Dr. William McCrary

Dr. McCrary reported on the following proposals.

- Ph.D. in Economics
- Certificate in Teaching English as a second language
- Certificate in Nonprofit Management
- Report approval on new slate of officers

All items proposed were approved by the Faculty Senate.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. There was none.

V. New Business

- A. Dr. Marianne Woods- Senior Associate VP for Research Administration
- Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) & Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Dr. El-Kikhia introduced and welcomed Dr. Woods who presented information on OSP and IRB.

The senators expressed concern about lack of assistance with proposals and grants. Dr. Woods briefly explained that she is working on cross training staff in her office to provide better services for each college. She is seeking certification for her staff.

Dr. Woods discussed some of the procedures and the submission of proposals through Cayuse.

Dr. Woods indicated that UTSA was seeking to become IRB accredited. Only about 1 or 2 of the IRB requests need to go to committee.

Senators also asked questions about the internal grant process at UTSA. They suggested that if a proposal was denied, the person(s) who submitted the proposal should be provided feedback. Dr. Woods concurred and agreed to pass their suggestions to the appropriate parties.

For further information regarding OSP and IRB please visit the website:  
<http://www.vpr.utsa.edu>

VI. Provost Report – Dr. John Frederick

Dr. Frederick was unable to attend the meeting. No report was made.

VII. Open Forum

Senators discussed the possibility of a merit increase. Senators supported awarding merit increases to faculty but opposed an automatic increase for administrators.

Since faculty are not given cost of living raise, the senators felt that merit was important because of the long-term implications. Some senators also indicated that they preferred funding merit rather than hiring new faculty.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted at 4:30 pm.