# Chair's Report
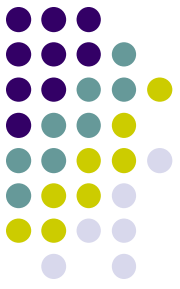## Faculty Senate Meeting 10/14/10

Carola Wenk

Associate Professor

Dept. of Computer Science

Chair of the Faculty Senate

UTSA

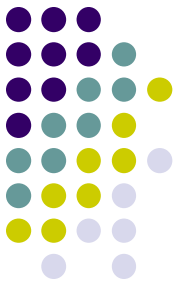The University of Texas at San Antonio™

# Committee Chairs

- **Mary McNaughton-Cassil**: Academic Freedom and Tenure C.
- **Bennie Wilson**: Academic Policy and Requirements Committee
- **Bob Hard**: Budget Committee
- **Amy Jasperson**: Evaluations, Merit, Rewards, and Workload C.
- **Diane Abdo**: Nominating, Elections, and Procedures Committee
- **Mel Laracey**: HOP Committee
- **Raydel Tullous**: Curriculum Committee

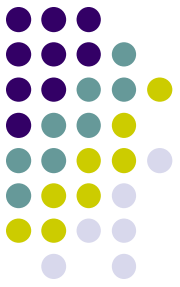Thank you for conducting the election process:
Karen Daas, Bennie Wilson, Bob Hard, Bill Cooke, Johnelle Sparks, Mel Laracey, Hazem Rashed-Ali

# Status of resolutions from May meeting

- Resolution on merit policy
  - Evaluations, Merit, Rewards, and Workload Committee is working on a more detailed recommendation


- PIP guidelines:
  http://provost.utsa.edu/VPAFS/documents/Procedures%20for%20PIPs%20(6-4-2009).pdf
  - Provost is working on new draft guidelines, taking our resolutions into consideration
  - He also plans on a revising the PPE policy

# Status of proposals from last meeting

- New admissions policy for Biology has been approved
- BA in General Studies:
  - Curriculum Committee is recommending improvements to Larry Williams
  - A new revised proposal will be discussed in a future meeting, possibly in November
  - News coverage: (Paisano, Provost's blog)
    - http://www.paisano-online.com/news/general-studies-divides-campus-1.1625844
    - http://www.paisano-online.com/opinion/general-studies-will-be-a-jock-degree-1.1652284
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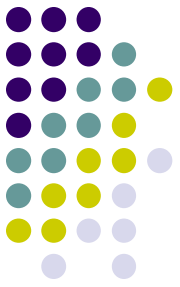
# **Meetings**

According to our bylaws (Article IV):

- All Faculty Senate meetings are open to the public

- Participation of individuals other than senators is limited to the Open Forum. The Faculty Senate can vote to allow an individual to participate.

- The Faculty Senate may vote to go into executive session, at which time only voting members of the Faculty Senate are present.

# Strategic Resource Planning Council

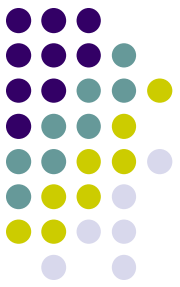http://www.utsa.edu/financialaffairs/Budget/usrpc/

- Graduation rate
  - 6 year graduation rate is 26.3%
  - 44.5% of incoming freshmen class are upper quartile
- Enrollment management
  - Targeted cap at 30,000 students
  - Increasing graduate enrollment, decreasing undergraduate enrollment
  - 84% admission rate (compared to 99.4% in 2005)
- Legislative Appropriations Request
  - ($21 Billion state shortfall)
  - Experimental Sciences Instructional Building ($16M)
  - SALSI initiative ($4M; last year was funded by ARRA)

# **Strategic Resource Planning Council**
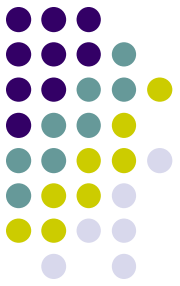http://www.utsa.edu/financialaffairs/Budget/usrpc/

- Wayfinding project (exterior signs on campus)
  - Consultant fees for design: $750K
  - Total cost for signs: $4M, over several years
- PeopleSoft project (to replace Define)
  - One-time implementation cost: $7M in the next 3 years ($2.5M in 2011, $3.5M in 2012, $1M in 2013)
  - Ongoing operational cost: (net increase of $1.1M per year)
    - $1.5M per year
    - As opposed to $400K for Define
- Negotiations with federal agencies to increase F&A rate:
  - Current rate: 44.5%; Target rate: 75.6%

# Strategic Resource Planning Council

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- Administrative cost ratios (from November 09 meeting):

  Administrative cost / Total operating expense

| | 96 | 97 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| UTSA | 10.4% | 11.6% | 11.2% | 11.7% | 11.3% | 11.9% | 10.3% | 11.2% | 11.2% |
| UTD | | | | | | 9.6% | 8.5% | 9.8% | 9.1% |
| UTEP | | | | | | 8.6% | 7.5% | 7.7% | 7.5% |
| UTPA | | | | | | 8.2% | 9.7% | 9.6% | 10.9% |
| UT Arlington | | | | | | 8.3% | 8.7% | 8.0% | |
| UT Tyler | | | | | | 15.4% | 13.2% | 12.7% | |
| UT Austin | | | | | | 6.1% | 5.7% | 5.1% | |

# Process for HOP changes

- The University HOP Committee classifies proposed HOP changes into non-substantial and substantial.

- All changes affecting faculty will be presented to the senate for review.

- Substantial changes will be reviewed in more detail by the Senate HOP Committee.

Please communicate with your faculty and address all comments to Mel Laracey.