Chair’s Report
Faculty Senate Meeting 10/14/10

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Chair of the Faculty Senate
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:
  - Provost is working on new draft guidelines, taking our resolutions into consideration
  - He also plans on 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/opinion/general-studies-will-be-a-jock-degree-1.1652284
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)
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%
Administrative cost ratios (from November 09 meeting):

Administrative cost / Total operating expense

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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.