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Welcome!

- Faculty “have a major role in the governance of their respective institutions” (UT System Regents’ Rule 40101)
  - At UTSA, this occurs primarily through the Faculty Senate
- Senate represents the Faculty to the UTSA administration and the UT System
  - Senators play an important part in development and revision of policies
Committees

• Much of the work accomplished by the Senate depends upon contribution of Senate Committees.

• Thank you all for your responses to requests for committee membership over the summer!
CPE and Annual Review

- Policies revised in response to Revised Regents’ Rule 31102
- **Extensive collaboration between Senate and Provost in revising these policies:**
  - Annual Review (in progress): Evaluations, Merit, Rewards, and Workload
  - CPE (Stakeholder Review): Academic Freedom and Tenure
Senate Resources

• Administrative Associate: Sarah Leach
• Webpage: www.utsa.edu/senate
  – Past meetings: minutes, agendas, reports
  – Upcoming meetings: Rowdyspace link to access agenda and documents for review
  – Bylaws (now easier navigation – Thanks, Sarah!)
  – Senators and committee membership
  – Responsibilities of Senators
Faculty Senators

- Attend all meetings or designate substitute representative.
- Review materials on RowdySpace in advance of meetings.
- Report to department following meetings.
  - See Bylaws for additional responsibilities.
Committee Reports

• Request to consider ease of viewing in large rooms – larger font in reports

• If possible, consider alternative approach:
  – Post detailed report online for review prior to meetings
  – Present key issues in PowerPoint summary presentation

• Bylaws: post reports 5 days in advance of meeting
Email Discussion

• When replying to emails, avoid adding others to your reply list.
  – Member of Senate and Senate Committees should be able to expect that group email “discussions” are intended for those listed on original email.

• If is important to bring someone else into discussion:
  – Note in your email that you have brought in others on the discussion (and consider deleting the email chain other than your reply).

• Not intended to squelch discussion, just enables participants to anticipate immediate audience
  – Of course, email communication subject to open records
Summer, 2012

• Senate (especially HOP Committee) provided input for:
  – 2.35 Substantive Change Procedures Required to Obtain Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Approval
  – 5.18 Travel/Events Involving Students
  – 9.36 Nonsmoking/Tobacco Free

• Senate consented to approval of Master of Engineering in Sustainable Energy Systems
Policies Approved, Summer 2012

• Policies approved at System:
  – 2.03 Emeritus Academic Titles
  – 2.33 Faculty Proficiency in English
  – 2.35 Substantive Change Procedures Required to Obtain Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Approval
  – 2.36 - Procedures for Review of a Nonreappointment of a Nontenured Tenure-Track Faculty Member
  – 9.23 – Procedures Governing Private Gift Solicitation, Acceptance, and Management
  – 10.04 - Conflicts of Interest in Research & Intellectual Property
  – 10.11 Use of Animals in Research, Teaching, Testing or Public Exhibitions
IRB Accreditation

- IRB Accreditation Task Force
  - LJ Shrum (Chair)
  - Reed Hunt
  - Mary McNaughton-Cassill
  - Xiaohe Xu
  - Judith Grant and Mickey Stevenson
GRIP

- Graduation Rate Improvement Plan

- Senators on the Executive Committee providing representation and input at the weekly meetings of the GRIP Cross Campus Team
Voter Registration

- SGA voter registration drive
- Students registering during class time
  - “Students may participate in registering voters if they have the approval of the professor teaching the class, however, the students participating in this voter registration activity/project CANNOT express support or give the appearance of supporting one candidate, issue, party, etc.”
Vending Contract

• Chip/snack vending
  – Bids due in three weeks
• Faculty representative on committee
  – Score proposals, 1 or 2 meetings
THECB Town Hall

• Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
• Sept 27
  – 2:30-3:30
  – Marriot Plaza San Antonio
• Registration
  – Free
  – http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/sanantoniotownhall
Manuel P. Berriozabal Café College

- On August 30, City Council voted to rename as the Manuel P. Berriozabal Café College
- Dr. Berriozabal is a Professor of Mathematics and has mentored high school and junior high school students for over 30 years in the Prefreshman Engineering Program
- Congratulations!