

# Report to the Faculty Senate November 8, 2012

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# UT System Faculty Senate Advisory Committee (09/20-21/12)

- Encryption (Chief Information Security Officer and Senior Attorney and System Privacy Officer)
  - Desktops
  - Thumb drives
  - Mobile devices
  - Subawards (flow down)
  - “mission of University”

## UT SYSFAC

- Institute for Transformational Learning (Steven Mintz) (<http://www.utsystem.edu/offices/institute-transformational-learning/about-institute>)
- Funded at \$50 million
  - Offer competitive grants to enhance higher education
  - Create high quality online courses
  - Cultivate PPP
  - Advance the UT System's efforts to help working adults complete their bachelor's degree

# UT SYSFAC

- Hazing and Alcohol Initiative
  - Task force
  - Recovery funding to be sent to academic campuses

# UT SYSFAC

- Updates from System
  - Peer teaching (recommendation or policy?)
  - Committee report sent to campuses (via Provost)
- Interest in training and evaluation of department chairs
- Conflict of Interest/Commitment policies

# Texas Council of Faculty Senates (10/23-24/2012)

- In conjunction with Texas AAUP and TACT
- Kirk Watson (Senator District 14; Joint Committee on Oversight of Higher Education Governance, Excellence & Transparency)
  - Public school accountability has found its way into higher education
  - What are we doing that creates value? How can we get that message out?
  - What can we do to be more frugal?

# TCFS

- THECB (Catherine Parsonneault)
  - Low Producing Program report (will send)
  - Community College Transfer report (draft on RS)

# TCFS

- Interesting news from other institutions
  - UT Tyler– working on baseline raises
  - UT Permian Basin– partnership with Academic Partnerships
  - UT Pan Am– codified compression salary formula
  - UT Dallas– (a) mentoring of new administrators (b) department by-laws being examined/re-written to represent faculty governance
  - A&M Commerce– Academic Partnerships, EdD in ed leadership (257 new doc students)
  - Prairie View A&M– Climate surveys



# TCFS

- HOW DO WE GARNISH COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN LIGHT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN AUSTIN?