Report to the Faculty Senate
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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”
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• 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
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- Hazing and Alcohol Initiative
  - Task force
  - Recovery funding to be sent to academic campuses
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• 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?
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• THECB (Catherine Parsoneault)
  – Low Producing Program report (will send)
  – Community College Transfer report (draft on RS)
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• 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
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- HOW DO WE GARNISH COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN LIGHT OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN AUSTIN?