Report to the Faculty Senate
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Space concerns

• UT System Space task force
• SYSFAC Recommendations for space utilization committee

— The UT SYSFAC recommends that each campus form a committee on facilities, if it does not already have one. The charge of the committee should include advising the administration on appropriate metrics for determining space utilization as well as giving its own advice on space needs. The committee should have substantial faculty membership recommended by the faculty governance organization.

Recommendation to President and Provost/ VPAA
Space Utilization Committee

The UTSA Faculty Senate recommends that UTSA adopt the UT SYSFAC recommendation for a Space Utilization Committee that would advise on space utilization and needs.
On concerns of faculty at UT Brownsville and UT Pan American

Resolution to the Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Concerning Tenured Faculty at UTB and UTPA

• Creation of UTRGV
• Senate Bill 24 Section 4C, states “In recognition of the abolition of The University of Texas Pan American and The University of Texas at Brownsville as authorized by this Act, the board of regents shall facilitate the employment at the university created by this Act of as many faculty and staff of the abolished universities as is prudent and practical.”
• Maintain rank and tenure status
• Should positions need to be eliminated, campuses should follow Regents Rule 31003 for Abandonment of Academic Positions or Programs

No action by UTSA FS required
On model policy re: Peer Observations

• Creation and endorsement of model policy
  – Guidelines at department/unit level
  – Focus on professional development
  – Evidence of, for promotion and tenure
  – Frequency
  – Defines “peer”

No action by UTSA FS required
Recommendation for Information Security Advisory Committee

• Charge
  – Advise the institution's Information Security Officer on measures to provide information security for computers and related media on the campus,
  – Receive requests for waivers from the encryption requirements and make recommendations to the President on those requests,
  – Additional tasks as the President and FS should agree to assign.

• Membership
  – Majority faculty members recommended by FS.
  – Appointed chair (from among the faculty members).
  – Ex officio (non-voting) members to include Information Security Official and the Responsible University Official
  – At least one student

Recommendation to President and Provost/ VPAA
Information Security Advisory Committee

The UTSA Faculty Senate recommends that UTSA adopt the UT SYSFAC recommendation for an Information Security Advisory Committee.
Suggested language for campus encryption policies

• Result of encryption actions taken at all 15 academic and health institutions
• Recommended language for campus policies
• Focused on the type of information that should be protected
• Focused on the ownership of information

Recommendation to President and Provost/ VPAA
Encryption Policies

The UTSA Faculty Senate recommends that UTSA adopt the language in the document entitled, “Recommended Language Describing Information that Requires Encryption” in policies pertaining to the implementation of the UT System requirements for encryption.
Intellectual Property

- HOP 10.15 (UTSA)
- Regent’s Rule 90101
- UTS task force