

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Of October 15, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year was held October 15, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 2.04.22) with Dr. Karen Daas, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Saadet Beeson, Christie Blizzard, Emily Bonner, Janis Bush, Pepe Chang, Amy Chanmugam, Karen Daas, Samer Dessouky, Glenn Dietrich, Jim Dykes, John Frederick, Yongli Gao, Edgar Ghossoub, Michael Gilbert, Mark Giles, Dmitry Gokhman, Vaidya Gundlupet, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, Gregory Hazelton, Jill Hernandez, Michael Karcher, Turgay Korkmaz, Aneta Koynova, Richard Lewis, Rui Liu, Chad Mahood, Randall Manteufel, Michael Moyer, Ashok Nedungadi, Wing Chung Ng, John Nix, Chris Packham, Matthew Reilly, Dan Sass, Howard Smith, Kelly Suter, Alistair Welchman, Christopher Wickham, Karen Williams, John Zhang

Absent: Jennifer Alexander, Michael Baumann (excused), Karan Bhanot (excused), Rajesh Bhargave (excused), James Dawes, Karen Dodwell (excused), Martha Fasci, Harry Jarrett, Joycelyn Moody (excused), Derek Plantenga, Lloyd Potter (excused), Teresa Sellers

Guests: Crystal Colombini, T. Jackie Cuevas, Kimberly Fonzo (for Joycelyn Moody), Rhonda Gonzales, Kevin Grant (for Michael Baumann), Sonja Lanehart

Total members present: 39

Total members absent: 14

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – September 10, 2015
The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair's Report – Karen Daas

Dr. Daas shared that HOP 2.20 (Peer observation) was accepted with Senate feedback included. Feedback for campus carry is being compiled by the task force in the next week and a half, and there will be an opportunity for faculty feedback after that document is written. More information on

campus carry can be found at: www.utsa.edu/campuscarry or email can be sent to: campuscarry@utsa.edu.

HOP 2.27 feedback is due to Glenn Dietrich by 10/23.

Dr. Daas announced the Faculty Senate Awareness Campaign about what Senate is/does. She also announced an initiative to start Faculty Senate Orientation. Dr. Daas will seek information about these initiatives soon.

B. Secretary of the General Faculty – Jill Hernandez

Dr. Hernandez announced some information from the UTS organizational assessment meeting, including:

- Travel policies (such as Concur)
- UTRIP money and development
- Strategic Messaging (e.g., student compliance)
- Influuent (communication with us, misrepresentation of our work)
- PeopleSoft, Unfunded Mandates

Dr. Hernandez also reported on the University Assembly including an update on campus carry and the Master Plan Committee (PNB building will be re-named), new buildings going up around campus, increase research expenditures by 10% annually, Provost's goal is to have a 65% 6-year graduation rate by 2026 (for 2020 cohort).

C. Provost's report – John Frederick

Dr. Frederick gave an update on summer school procedures. Summer school will be changed so that part of the revenue could be given back to the generating bodies (colleges and departments). We will be more aggressive in marketing city-wide (non-degree seeking students).

He also mentioned HOP 2.27 and emphasized that the intention is for faculty to work with the Provost's office to make this policy reflect faculty interests. Consider this a first step in that process.

He announced Dean Searches for this year:

- Library
- Honors college
- COEHD

Dr. Frederick reported that the Regents did approve the procedure for us to go through the process of a tuition and fee increase. Fees for online courses may be distributed across the student body to remove disincentives for online courses.

Dr. Fredrick touched on Title IX issues and mentioned that UTSA may implement enhanced criminal background check so we have assurance we are not bringing in someone who could be predatory.

D. Curriculum Committee – Alistair Welchman

The curriculum committee was tasked with writing a certificate policy. The proposed policy has three main points: (1) lays out what the pipeline should be; (2) criteria for evaluating certificates (used THECB requirements); and (3) approval should be sought prior to submissions of grants that involve certificates, or “pending approval” should be included in grant proposal. The senate voted to unanimously approve the committee’s proposal.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

V. New Business

There was no new business

VI. Open Forum

Dr. Jackie Cuevas urged the Senate to treat campus carry implementation as a matter of faculty governance. She urged us to craft and submit a letter supporting gun-free classrooms and faculty offices.

The Senate voted 33 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention to form an ad hoc task force who will compile a report/letter to be voted on next meeting. Dr. Hernandez will send out an email to solicit ad hoc members for this committee.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 4:45p.m.