

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of November 5, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year was held November 5, 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: Michael Baumann, Saadet Beeson, Christie Blizzard, Emily Bonner, Janis Bush, Pepe Chang, Amy Chanmugam, Karen Daas, Glenn Dietrich, Karen Dodwell, Jim Dykes, Martha Fasci, John Frederick, Yongli Gao, Edgar Ghossoub, Michael Gilbert, Dmitry Gokhman, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, Gregory Hazelton, Michael Karcher, Turgay Korkmaz, Rui Liu, Chad Mahood, Wing Chung Ng, John Nix, Derek Plantenga, Lloyd Potter, Dan Sass, Teresa Sellers, Howard Smith, Kelly Suter, Alistair Welchman, Christopher Wickham, Karen Williams, John Zhang

Absent: Jennifer Alexander, Karan Bhanot, Rajesh Bhargave (excused), James Dawes, Samer Dessouky, Mark Giles, Vaidya Gundlupet (excused), Jill Hernandez (excused), Harry Jarrett, Aneta Koynova, Richard Lewis (excused), Randall Manteufel (excused), Joycelyn Moody (excused), Michael Moyer (excused), Ashok Nedungadi, Chris Packham (excused), Matthew Reilly

Guests: Matt Frost (Student - Paisano), David Vance (for Joycelyn Moody), Walter Wilson (for Vaidya Gundlupet)

Total members present: 36

Total members absent: 17

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – October 15, 2015
The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair's Report – Karen Daas

Dr. Daas said that HOP 2.27 has been tabled and sent back for a re-write. The revised version will likely be re-submitted to the senate in the spring. She said that the deadline for input on campus carry has been extended to the end of the month. For more information visit: <http://www.utsa.edu/campuscarry> or email

campuscarry@utsa.edu. The deadline for input on HOP 5.01 FERPA is due to Glenn Dietrich by Nov. 23rd. Dr. Daas said that Dr. Hernandez is currently out of town but that the Secretary of the General Faculty report is posted to SharePoint. She said that Dr. Hernandez is currently working with UT System to determine the relationship between dual credit courses and graduation speed. Dr. Daas encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming faculty mixers:

- Wed, Nov 11 at 5 p.m. – Downtown campus on 4th floor terrace FS 4.450
- Thurs, Dec 10 at 5 p.m. – Main campus in the Faculty Center JPL 4th floor

Dr. Daas presented a slate of members (Campus Carry committee) for approval by the senate. There was a motion to approve the members as a special committee which was seconded and unanimously approved.

B. Provost's report – John Frederick

Dr. Frederick said that new plans for the summer term are underway. The summer application process will be easier for non-degree seeking students and a new financial model should be finalized within the next few weeks (a white paper has already been distributed to all department chairs).

Dr. Frederick said that a tuition and fee proposal committee has been formed. Currently, the UT System allows for a 2% increase to off-set inflation. If a higher increase is desired, it must be justified. Dr. Frederick said that the committee is working on their recommendations and that funds have been budgeted to allow for merit exercises going forward.

He said that “first generation” faculty members are invited to participate in a new program called Pivot, which encourages first generation faculty to mentor students that are also first generation in receiving their degrees.

Dr. Frederick discussed the recent faculty workload audit. He said that currently, different colleges have different ways of documenting workload. However, per the UT System, a research plan is being developed that will standardize the way workload is recorded among all colleges. He also said that overall, UTSA had a very successful audit.

C. Curriculum Committee – Alistair Welchman

Dr. Welchman said that his committee had been working on a policy proposal for certificate approval. Since the graduate school already has a policy in place that is closely aligned with the Curriculum Committee's proposed policy, the committee recommends including the graduate school's policy in the general policy for certificate approval. The senate voted to unanimously approve the committee's proposed policy.

The Curriculum Committee also reviewed two proposed courses for inclusion into the 2017-2018 undergraduate catalog: KOR 1014 (Elementary Korean I) and SPN 1034 (Spanish for Heritage Learners I). The committee recommended approval of both courses. The senate voted to unanimously approve the two courses for the 2017-2018 catalog.

D. Campus Carry Special Committee – Gregory Hazelton

Dr. Hazelton said that his committee has prepared two resolutions for consideration by the senate:

- Resolution #1:
 - The first resolution urges the President to consider additional spaces as inclusion zones, written specifically: *“We, the Faculty Senate, urge President Romo to use the authority granted him by SB 11 to designate formal teaching and research spaces, including classrooms, faculty offices, and research labs, as gun-free spaces.”* There was some discussion and friendly amendments made and the statement was slightly revised to read: ***“We, the Faculty Senate, urge President Romo to use the authority granted him by SB 11 to designate formal teaching and research spaces, including classrooms, faculty offices, laboratories, practice rooms, and studios, as gun-free spaces.”*** The senate voted to unanimously approve the new statement.
- Resolution #2:
 - The second resolution would authorize the campus carry committee to design and distribute a survey to faculty, staff, and students to assess their overall opinion on the new policy allowing weapons on campus. After some additional friendly amendments, the senate voted to unanimously approve the resolution: ***“We, the UTSA Faculty Senate, authorize the Senate Special Committee on Campus Carry to design a survey for purposes of assessing opinion on the issue of concealed weapons policy on the UTSA campus. We further endorse collaboration between the Special Committee and the University Administration Staff Council, and/or student government association in order to ensure broad opportunity to participate in the survey, and that the administration of the survey enables maximum participation by the UTSA community.”***

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Open Forum

Dr. Daas reminded senators to contact Dr. Hernandez regarding dual credit research. She said that both the summer term initiative whitepaper and Chancellor McRaven’s strategic plan to the Board of Regents will be posted to SharePoint.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 4:55p.m.