Chair’s Report
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• Chancellor McRaven
  – Taking on challenges such as physician burnout, sexual assault, and shared governance
  – Discovery, debate, and dissent
  – Cautioned against overthinking problems (action oriented)
  – Urged faculty to “step up” more to make issues known, express opinions
SYSFAC (cont)

• Online Education Project
• Student “belonging” as a pillar of Student Success (Rebecca Karoff)
• Dual Credit Study (David Troutman)
• Dual Credit Taskforce (Wanda Mercer)
• Workload Taskforce (Steve Leslie)
Shared Governance Visit to UTSA

• May 15th

• Tony Cucolo, Dan Cavanagh (Governance co-chair), Cathy Ross (SYSFAC chair)

• Guiding question: How does shared governance function on our campus?

• Guiding doc available on Sharepoint
Dean’s Advisory Council/Chair’s Council

• Seeking to suspend HOP 4.09 requires each TA to enroll in 3 hours during the summer session in which they teach
  – Pay might be less than course registration costs
  – Payment deadline for registration is well before payment for teaching is issued
Other Initiatives

• Budget subcommittee
  – Submitting recommendations related to transparency to (1) Senate, then (2) Budget Taskforce leadership/committee

• Working group on sexual harassment
  – Gathering recommendations to submit to Dr. Reyes and Presidential Taskforce

• Academic Freedom
  – Annual Report discovery
  – Program evaluation – proposal to Dr. Reyes
Other Ideas

• Electronic “suggestion box” for topics that Senate can take up (look for trends)

• Senate Facebook page to illuminate things we are working on