

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of October 13, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2016-2017 academic year was held October 13, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 2.04.22) with Dr. Emily Bonner, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Michael Baumann, Saadet Beeson, Christie Blizzard, David Bojanic, Emily Bonner, Natasha Burns, Jackie Cuevas, Karen Daas, Glenn Dietrich, Walter Ermler, Ray Garza, Edgar Ghossoub, Dmitry Gokhman, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, David Hansen, Richard Harris, Gregory Hazleton, Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Michael Karcher, Turgay Korkmaz, Aneta Koynova, Melvin Laracey, Chad Mahood, Byongook Moon, Sandy Norman, Sakiko Oyama, Chris Packham, Derek Plantenga, Dan Sass, Kelly Suter, David Thompson, Joshua Thurow, Alistair Welchman, Christopher Wickham, Karen Williams, Hongjie Xie

Absent: Sonia Aleman (excused), Jennifer Alexander (excused), Pepe Chang, Brian Davies, James Dawes, Samer Dessouky, Martha Fasci (excused), Randall Manteufel, Michael Miller, Michael Moyer, Ashok Nedungadi, John Nix (excused), Rogelio Palomera-Arias, Lloyd Potter (excused), Liang Tang (excused)

Guests: Eva Carpenter (SwRI), Gerald Juhnke, Howard Smith (for Sonya Aleman), Sarah Soulek, Bob Wolfe (SwRI), Jesse Zapata

Total members present: 37

Total members absent: 15

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – September 1, 2016
The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair's Report – Emily Bonner

Dr. Bonner said that she attended the most recent SYSFAC meeting, where a best practices whitepaper on shared governance was discussed. She said campus visits will begin soon to see how shared governance is working and to look at ways to improve it. A legislative session is coming up, where a 4% budget cut will likely be implemented. Top priorities for UT System include maintaining current funding and growth. The

TEA commissioner reported that UT System is working with K-12 schools to improve education and college preparedness. There are currently 3 Presidential searches going on (UTT, UTPB, and UTSA). Dr. Bonner said that representatives from the dual credit initiative will be meeting at various campuses, including UTSA from November 8-10th. Dr. Bonner said she attended the Student Success Summit where discussions included a focus on finances, belonging, and advising for students. A campus plan is tentatively due in June 2017. Dr. Bonner said that an enrollment and financial aid update was given at the most recent GRIP meeting. There has been a decrease in both native roadrunners and CAP students. Undergraduate enrollment is slightly down, and first year retention is in the mid-70s for native roadrunners. Dr. Bonner reminded the senate that HOP 10.10 is currently out for review and comments may be sent to Glenn Dietrich.

B. Research Committee – Chris Packham

Dr. Packham said that he and Dr. Bonner met with the Vice President for Research (VPR) to discuss the research committee's role and future collaboration efforts with the VPR. He introduced Eva Carpenter, Small Business Program Administrator at SwRI who discussed the opportunity for UTSA to participate in the NASA mentor protégé program. Dr. Packham said to contact him if you wish to participate.

C. Grievance Committee Annual Report – Jesse Zapata

Dr. Zapata explained the grievance process (HOP 2.34). The first step is the informal process (verbal complaint, written complaint, and then subcommittee assistance). The subcommittee will assist in resolving differences between the opposing parties, but does not render a verdict. The Ombudsperson is also involved at this level and should be consulted with when an initial complaint is made. If an issue is not resolved at the informal level, the formal process begins (administrative resolution – Dean offers a solution, review by faculty panel – suggests adoption/modification/dropping the complaint, and final resolution by the Provost).

The current chair of the grievance committee, Gerry Juhnke, said that there are currently three active cases. He said that the goal of the grievance process is to make it fair and transparent to all parties involved.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

V. New Business

- Campus Carry Committee – Greg Hazleton

Dr. Hazleton said that the Campus Carry Committee is recommending the following proposal:

"The Senate will make available 500 legally sanctioned signs that can identify sole occupant faculty offices as exclusion zones under the Campus Carry Law. A member of the committee will pay for printing the signs, and will accept donations up to the cost of the printing."

As a friendly amendment, the senate deleted the second sentence, in order to explore all methods of possible funding. The senate voted to approve the following modified proposal:
"The Senate will make available 500 legally sanctioned signs that can identify sole occupant faculty offices as exclusion zones under the Campus Carry Law."

The final vote count was:
30 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions

VI. Open Forum

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:00 p.m.