

**UTSA** The University of Texas at San Antonio™  
**FACULTY SENATE**

Chair's Report

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# WELCOME



- We follow Roberts Rules so please wait to be recognized by the Faculty Senate Chair (or SoGF or lead Administrative Assistant)
- Note: this is an open meeting and people outside UTSA can attend
- Consent Agenda
  - Approval of minutes – September 8th, 2022
  - Graduate Program – Approved by Graduate Council
    - PhD Computer Engineering
- Welcome guests

# UPDATES



- (1) Update from the University Leadership Council
  - President Eighmy's updates on next legislative session
- (2) Update from the UT-System Faculty Advisory Council (Oct. 6-7)
  - All campuses seem to express concerns about salaries and research infrastructure
  - Imperative to increase the diversity of faculty
  - No hearing planned on tenure, nor CRT. Speaker of the House is publicly opposing the killing of tenure
  - Faculty mental health
  - FAC Research Committee
  - COVID-19 Legacy Project

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- (3) Update from the Texas Council of Faculty Senate (Oct. 7-8)
  - Similar issues regarding salaries, research infrastructure, diversity, and CRT
  - Faculty need to exercise their rights as citizens to teach the public about tenure.
  - The importance of post-tenure review continues to be a developmental review and NOT a dismissal path.
- (4) Next meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup>, will be via Zoom

# FACULTY SENATE MISSION STATEMENT



- Current:
  - The Faculty Senate exists to give voice to all faculty through collaboration with administration to achieve shared governance in order to advance the mission of UTSA. This is accomplished through collaboration with UTSA Administration, Student Government, Staff Senate, the UT System, and other representative bodies on campus.
- New Version:
  - Faculty Senate is a representative body that cultivates shared governance to advance UTSA's mission.