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FACULTY SENATE

Chair's Report

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Faculty Senate Chair

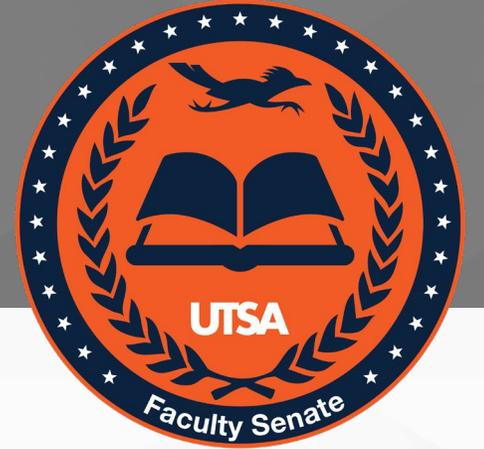
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April 6, 2023

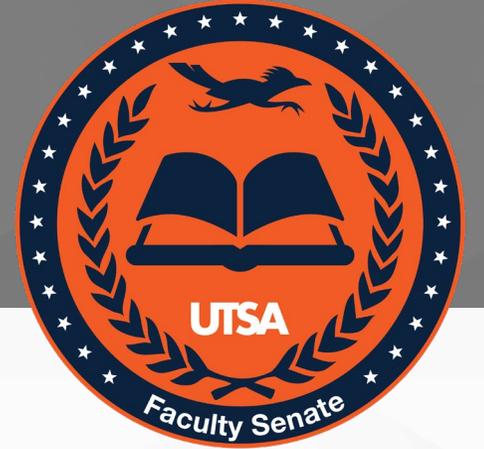


WELCOME



- We follow Robert's 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 – March 9, 2023
 - Graduate Catalog
- Welcome guests

UPDATES



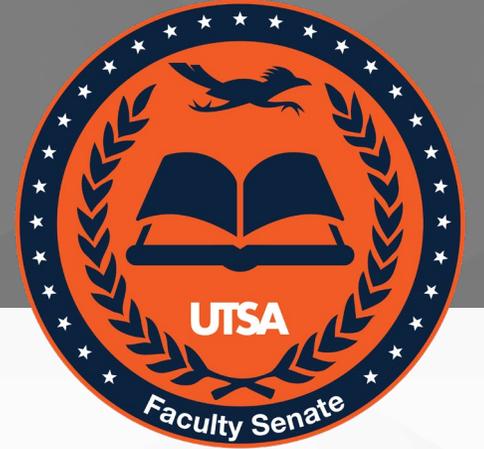
- (1) Update from the University Leadership Council
 - Legislative Update.
 - SB 15 (Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics based on biological sex) passed the Senate and is now in the House. The House will read the bill the first time, then it will be referred to a House committee for public hearing and consideration.
 - SB18 (Tenure) has been reported from the subcommittee without amendments. If the Senate suspends the rules, it can be added to the agenda for Thursday's Senate Education Committee or it can wait for next week's Senate Education hearing.
 - SB 17 (DEI) bill is anticipated to be heard on Thursday, April 6th, in the Higher Education Subcommittee.
 - SB 16 (CRT Bill) is ready for debate in the Senate which can happen at any time.
 - A Budget Rider #186 Prohibition on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Practices was passed by the House Appropriations: no funds for DEI staff and activities.
 - At this point, the House seems to have its own agenda on Tenure and CRT.

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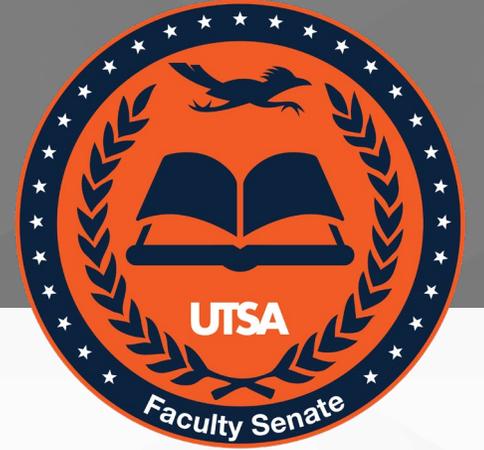
- (1) Update from the University Leadership Council – con't.
 - Strategic Plan Refresh.
 - Faculty Senate and the Department Chair's Council will have a joint listening session on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the Regent's Room (Main Building 3.206)
 - Only in person.
 - Please bring a phone, tablet, or laptop to participate.
- (2) Provost Kimberly Espy will host a reception for the Faculty Senate and the Chairs' Council on Wednesday, May 3rd.
 - More information to come.
- (3) Next General Meeting will be in May 4th, JPL - Assembly Room (Hybrid)

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- (3) Updates from the SoGF
- (4) Reports from the Committees
 - Curriculum Committee, Andy Lloyd – None
 - Graduate Council Chair , Victor Villarreal – Yes
 - Budget Committee, Kirsten Gardner – Yes
 - HOP Committee, Sonya Aleman – None
 - Research Committee, Alexis Godet – Yes
 - Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee, Kerry Sinanan – Yes

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- Unfinished Business – None
- New Business – None
- Adjournment of Meeting