

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

## DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY AND DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY MEETING OF December 3, 2009

The regular meeting of the University Assembly for the academic year 2009-2010 was held December 3, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Room (BB 2.06.04) with Sandy Norman, Secretary of The General Faculty, presiding.

### I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Alberto Arroyo, Matt DeLeon (Josh Bart), Mansour El-Kikhia, Marjie French (Laura Murray), Robert Garza, Dan Gelo, Krisellen Maloney, John McCray, Patricia Morehead, Goutham Menon, Sandy Norman, Harrison Pierce, Ricardo Romo, Alan Shoho, Irina Solovyova, Anne Macintosh Speights, Suzette Vallejo, Deanna White, Venetta Williams

Absent: Thomas Forsthuber, John Frederick (excused), Robert Gracy (excused), Kerry Kennedy, Gage Paine (excused), Anne Reamy, Shirley Rowe (excused), Jude Valdez (excused)

Guests: Ashley Diaz, Kevin Price

### II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

### II. Reports

#### A. Secretary – Dr. Sandy Norman

Dr. Sandy Norman gave a brief update on SACS Accreditation.

#### B. Chair of the Faculty Senate – Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia

Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia did not report.

#### C. President- Dr. Ricardo Romo

President Romo gave an update on Parking and Traffic. Parking and Traffic have announced that the new parking garage structure is going up on surface lot 4 between the Main building and Business building. President Romo stated that this structure will be a \$30 million dollar project.

President Romo reported on Texas Proposition #4. Texas' seven emerging research universities are as follows:

1. Texas Tech University (Lubbock)
2. University of Houston
3. University of Texas at Dallas
4. University of Texas at San Antonio
5. University of Texas at Arlington
6. University of Texas at El Paso
7. University of North Texas (Denton)

President Romo also reported on Tier 1. In order for UTSA to become a Tier 1 Institution there must be an increase in restricted research expenditures. This year, UTSA had approximately \$38 million in restricted research. In order to receive money from the new state fund, UTSA needs to have \$45 million in restricted research expenditures. UTSA is not likely to become a Tier 1 Institution in the next 5-10 years.

President Romo reported on Athletics at UTSA. UTSA currently has 125 flag football teams. The Women's team is number one in the country (flag football.)

President Romo announced that UTSA's new hire, Les Shephard, will come aboard April 15, 2010, as Director of Institute for Conventional, Alternative and Renewable Energy.

President Romo stated that approximately \$6 million is being spent on library renovations.

D. Chair of the Staff Council- Robert Garza

Mr. Robert Garza gave a brief report on Staff Council. He announced that the new website was launched in January. Staff members can conduct a meeting online and discuss issues.

E. Student Government President – Mr. Matt DeLeon

Josh Bart, SGA Secretary reported on behalf of Matt DeLeon. He gave a brief report on the Parking and Traffic Committee.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was none.

V. New Business

A. Mr. Kevin Price- Associate VP for Student Life & Dean of Students

President Romo introduced Mr. Kevin Price to the Assembly meeting.

Mr. Price presented a power point on various topics of Student life such as:

- Undergraduate Admissions
- University Center- Additional Retail Services, Facility Enhancements
- University Center Program Council (UCPC)
- Student Leadership Development
- Housing and Residence Life
- Athletics Department
- Office of the Registrar

He announced that the University Center will soon include additional retail establishments, such as a hair salon, mail and document services shop, and a Chili's Too.

Mr. Price discussed the facility enhancements of the new UC Ballroom and how it may be utilized. The ballroom is large enough to host weddings and prom dances. A design renovation of the Denman ballroom is in the works.

Mr. Price announced that UTSA is currently at 98.3% occupancy for the Fall semester. The new housing plan is in the process and the target date is 2013.

VI. Questions to the President/Provost

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.