

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 April 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the University Assembly for the academic year 2009-2010 was held April 20, 2010 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, Mansour El-Kikhia, Thomas Forsthuber, John Frederick, Laura Murray for Marjie French, Robert Gracy, Krisellen Maloney, Sandy Norman, Ricardo Romo, Shirley Rowe, Alan Shoho, Anne Macintosh Speights, Jude Valdez

Absent: Isaac Beck, Carlos Davenport, Dan Gelo (excused), Robert Garza, Aurash Javidinejad, Kerry Kennedy, Juliet Martinez, John McCray, Goutham Menon, Patricia Morehead, Krystal Nicholson, Gage Paine (excused), Harrison Pierce, Anne Reamy, Erica Saenz, Irina Solovyova (excused), Deanna White, Venetta Williams, Suzette Vallejo, Michael Witzel

Guests: Ashley Diaz, Derek Trimm, Xavier Johnson

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

II. Reports

A. President- Dr. Ricardo Romo

President Romo welcomes the University Assembly to the last meeting of the semester. He announces that he has appointed members for the Sustainability Council.

President Romo discussed the SACS Accreditation. UTSA passed with only 3 recommendations. He recognized Sandy Welch and Gerry Dizinno for taking the lead on the entire process.

He reported on the student housing project plans is expected to be a 3 year project. The new student housing project is expected to have 470 beds, although the university was hoping for 600 beds.

President Romo briefly reported on the criteria for Tier 1. There have been several articles published on University of Texas at San Antonio regarding Tier 1 and this issue will not be resolved any time soon.

President Romo discussed the Admissions criteria. He stated that UTSA needs to be selective on the students that are being admitted into the University. Students who are not quite ready to take on the challenges of UTSA are encouraged to begin at a community college. The final draft of the admissions criteria is still in process.

B. Secretary – Dr. Sandy Norman

Dr. Sandy Norman gave a brief update on the Excellence awards and University life awards.

Dr. Norman also reported on elections currently taking place for University Assembly Secretary of the General Faculty, Faculty Senate Chair and Staff Council nominations.

This is Dr. Sandy Norman's last meeting serving at the Secretary of the General Faculty.

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

Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia reported on the Faculty Senate. He made an announcement on the election results for the Faculty Senate Chair. The new Faculty Senate Chair for 2010-2012 is Dr. Carola Wenk.

D. Chair of the Staff Council- Robert Garza

Mr. Robert Garza did not report on Staff Council.

E. Student Government President – Mr. Matt DeLeon

Mr. DeLeon announced the new SGA President is Derek Trimm and the new Secretary is Xavier Johnson.

Mr. Derek Trimm announced upcoming plans for UTSA:

- Student funded gazebo
- Barbeque grills
- Campus sustainability
- Greek housing
- Wet bar on campus

IV. Unfinished Business

There was none.

V. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

VI. Open forum

Dr. Frederick reported on the SACS Accreditation. We have 2 years to come up with a written report. Come December they will review the revised report with recommendations.

Dr. Frederick stressed the importance of Faculty credentials.

Ms. Shirley Rowe gave a brief report on the Employee Advisory Council Committee meeting.

Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia asked Derek Trimm about his thoughts on student evaluations online. Derek ultimately thinks it is a positive approach for students.

VII. Adjournment

President Romo closed the meeting by thanking all who served on University Assembly.

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