The regular meeting of the University Assembly for the academic year 2015-2016 was held March 3, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Regent’s Room, MB 3.106 with Ricardo Romo, President of the University of Texas at San Antonio, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Ricardo Romo, Mauli Agrawal, Saadet Beeson, Elisabeth Cuadros, Mary Dixson, Kathy Funk-Baxter, Kirsten Gardner, KC Gonzalez, Jill Hernandez, Michael Klein, Annie Maynes, Patrick O’Donnell, Chris Packham, Anne Peters, Lloyd Potter, Michael Russo, Jude Valdez, Todd Wright

Absent: Elizabeth Ayala, Chirag Buch, Felicia Castro-Villarreal, Karen Daas, John Frederick (excused), Daniel Gelo (excused), Ileana Gonzalez, Sam Gonzales, Larla Halsey, Jaswanth Kintada (excused), Jaime Martinez, Mitchell Moore, Laura Murray (excused), Emeka Nwaeze, Alejandra Perez, Jimmy Ramirez, Armando Sanchez, Miguel Sancho, Shuo Wang, Terralyn Wilburn, Jesse Zapata

Guests: Edwin Barea-Rodriguez (for John Frederick), Steve Barrera, Sonia Martinez, George Norton, Sarah Soulek

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from October 13, 2015 were unanimously approved.

IV. Topics of Discussion

- **Campus Carry update – Kathy Funk-Baxter**
  Ms. Funk-Baxter gave an update on campus carry. She said that the taskforce has proposed their preliminary suggestions for handgun exclusion zones. In addition, training materials for faculty and staff are being developed, as well as appropriate signage. The training will show facilitators of temporary/sponsored events how to request and display the appropriate signage for their event. She said there should be a new taskforce report out within the next month or so.
**2020 Blueprint update – Ricardo Romo**

President Romo presented the most updated version of the 2020 Blueprint framework. Displayed in the framework are a “recognition team” that will focus on ways to carry out institutional reputation strategies, and an “infrastructure team” that will identify avenues for implementing fiscal strategies. There are 3 additional teams (the “pillars” of the framework) that have been tasked with creating strategies for their respective areas:

- Teaching & Learning: Student Transformation
- Research & Discovery
- Community Engagement & Public Service

Five main goals have been identified within the framework:

1. Prepare our students for success as scholars, global citizens and leaders.
2. Increase the quality and quantity of creative works and research that have societal impact.
3. Improve the quality of life and economic prosperity of the community we serve.
4. Provide world-class support and infrastructure for UTSA as a premier research institution.
5. Earn respect, admiration and credibility for UTSA and the distinct characteristics that make it a university of excellence.

Blueprint 2020 calls for an expectation of accountability with a focus on performance measures. Some examples include:

- Trends in retention, graduation rates, student/faculty ratio, teaching loads, student satisfaction
- Administrative costs, efficiency of space utilization
- Research expenditures, research productivity
- Philanthropy, economic impact on region/community
- Work environment satisfaction surveys

Next steps in the process are to conduct forums with the community to gather final thoughts (April 2016), finalize the plan and disseminate it (May 2016), and assign strategies/form teams (this summer).

**Tuition and Fee Proposal – Ricardo Romo**

President Romo said that the Regents approved a 3.6% increase in tuition. He is hopeful that this increase will support the hiring of additional faculty to improve the student-faculty ratio and graduation rates.

V. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.