The regular meeting of the University Assembly for the academic year 2015-2016 was held October 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room, JPL 4.04.22 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, Felicia Castro-Villarreal, Karen Daas, Mary Dixson, John Frederick, Kathy Funk-Baxter, Daniel Gelo, Sam Gonzales, KC Gonzalez, Jill Hernandez, Michael Klein, Chris Packham, Anne Peters, Jude Valdez, Todd Wright

Absent: Elizabeth Ayala, Saadet Beeson (excused), Chirag Buch, Elisabeth Cuadros, Marjie French, Kirsten Gardner (excused), Ileana Gonzalez, Larla Halsey, Jaswanth Kintada, Jaime Martinez, Annie Maynes, Mitchell Moore, Emeka Nwaeze, Patrick O’Donnell, Alejandra Perez, Lloyd Potter, Jimmy Ramirez, Michael Russo, Armando Sanchez, Miguel Sancho, Shuo Wang, Terralyn Wilburn (excused), Jesse Zapata

Guests: Rhonda Gonzales (for Kirsten Gardner), Clay Haverland, Hillary Klingman, Sonia Martinez, Sarah Soulek

II. Approval of the Minutes
The minutes from April 8, 2015 were unanimously approved.

III. Election of Parliamentarian for 2015-2016
Chris Packham was nominated to serve as Parliamentarian for the University Assembly. With no other nominations, Dr. Packham was elected to serve by acclamation.

IV. Topics of Discussion
- **Campus Carry Presentation – Kathy Funk-Baxter**
Ms. Funk-Baxter gave an update on TX Senate Bill 11 – Handguns on Campus. She shared some nationwide statistics regarding concealed carry. 19 states ban concealed weapons on college campuses, 23 states allow colleges to make the decision whether or not to allow weapons on their campuses, and 8 states allow the carrying of concealed weapons on public postsecondary campuses. In 2015, Texas became the 8th
state permitting handguns on campuses and doesn’t allow public universities and colleges to ban them. In addition, Ms. Funk-Baxter discussed the requirements of SB 11. The bill’s effective date is August 1, 2016 and allows Concealed Handgun License (CHL) holders to carry a concealed handgun on all land or in any buildings owned or controlled by UTSA. Exceptions to this will be established by way of approved “exclusion zones” and rules may also be established regarding handgun storage in residential facilities. UTSA must also include signage where handguns will not be permitted. CHL holders must keep the handgun concealed at all times. UTSA has already been gathering recommendations for proposed “exclusion zones” which will ultimately be decided on by the Board of Regents. Ms. Funk-Baxter also shared UTSA’s timeline for implementation:

- November 1, 2015 - Consensus recommendations regarding any categories of space to be designated as exclusion zones at all campuses
- December 4, 2015 - Campus presidents submit preliminary campus plans to U. T. System Administration for review
- December 11, 2015 - U. T. System Administration provides feedback to Presidents
- December 18, 2015 - Campus Presidents submit final plans to U. T. System Administration for review by the Board of Regents
- February 10, 2016 - Board of Regents meets and reviews campus plans
- February 15, 2016 - Campuses begin implementing plans
- July 1, 2016 - All new physical facilities such as storage lockers are in place, and acquisition of required elements such as signage is complete
- August 1, 2016 - Law takes effect

Ms. Funk-Baxter said that more information may be found at http://www.utsa.edu/campuscarry/. Suggestions for “exclusion zones” may be sent to campuscarry@utsa.edu.

- Group breakout sessions:
  - Parking
    Only had two participants, both from DTC Campus and neither reported any Parking related problems as availability and proximity at the DTC is very good. One indicated that when they came out to Main Campus, they experienced more difficulty finding an available space near their final destination. The other has an Executive permit and has no problem finding space.

There was some conversation on the possible next garage, what the purpose was and general discussion on the hourly parking situation on Main Campus. As students are heavy users of the hourly parking available in the garages, discussion centered on how would could best encourage and educate students to purchase a surface permit instead of paying by the hour. Suggestions included in orientation, signage, and direct contact. Currently, BAS uses all three methods to encourage purchasing over hourly payment to save students money. This topic conclusion is that students choose convenience and proximity over cost-effectiveness.
**Tuition and fees**

1. Our Tuition and Fee rates for FY 2017 and 2018 are due to system by Dec 7th
2. Each Vice President will be asked to gather their suggested needs for any increases and rationale for the increases before Oct 30.
3. It will difficult to request increases for those fees that require a referendum for the FY 2017 year, a suggestion that it would be more practical to include in our proposals for FY 2018 if there is sufficient need for an increase.
4. Both years may include a 2% increase on designated tuition and on all fees (assuming their do not need a referendum to increase) and any increase over this 2% will need to be justified. We will not be recommending any yearly increase that is greater than 9.9%.
5. We will ask Student Government to hold forums on soliciting student input on our Tuition and Fee rates for FY 2017 and FY 2018.
6. We will create a Student, Faculty and Staff committee to participate and hear the comments generated by the Student Government forums. We would like to plan to have at least 3 committee meetings for seeking feedback before our due date of Dec 7th.
7. Our current rate on Tuition and Fees puts us at number 13 out of 37 Texas public academic universities.
8. We also need to understand that our number of credit hours that are not generating any tuition and fee revenue are around 5.5% of total semester credit hours. We are hopeful that the trend does not continue to climb but the number of Hazelwood students is not known until enrolled.

**Transportation/shuttles**

Shuttle service specific to the downtown campus: Is there an increase in DT activity to justify relooking Transportation assets to accommodate service between the two campuses?

With regard to budget challenges:
- Would a ‘per ride’ fee, charged through Rowdy Dollars, bring in more dollars vs. the current transportation fee?
- Could we sell a semester pass at a slightly lower rate than a Commuter Permit and provide students the option to purchase one or the other?

**Master Plan/infrastructure**

V. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.