

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of September 9, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2010-2011 academic year was held September 9, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the University Room (BB 2.06.04) with Dr. Carola Wenk, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Diane Abdo, Sos Agaian, Robert Ambrosino, Manuel Berriozabal, Ron Binks, Mark Brill, William Cooke, Karen Daas, Beth Durodoe, Carol Dyas, John Frederick, Rhonda Gonzales, Robert Hard, Victor Heller, Amy Jasperson, Palani-Rajan Kadapakkam, Kimberly Klein, Donald Kurtz, Melvin Laracey, Richard Lewis, Randy Manteufel, John McCray, John Merrifield, J. Mitchell Miller, Frank Pino (for MaryEllen Garcia), Annette Portillo, Anand Ramasubmaranian, Hazem Rashed-Ali, Dan Sass, Misty Sailors, Hatim Sharif, Macneil Shonle, Johnelle Sparks, Raydel Tullous, Carola Wenk, Bennie Wilson, Mansour El-Kikhia

Absent: Au Yoris, Garry Cole, Lars Hansen, MaryEllen Garcia, Judy Haschenburger, Daniel Jimenez, Zlatko Koinov, Josephine Mendez-Negrete, Alycia Maurer, Mary Cassill-McNaughton, Jolyn Mikow, Elizabeth Murakami-Ramalho, Darryl Ohlenbusch, Branco Ponomariov, Ted Skekel, Alistair Welchman

Guests: Oak Deberg, Ashley Diaz, Donna Edmonson, Cindy Espinoza, Kelly Garza, Rebecca Luther, Dana Messer, Kenneth Pierce, Robert Robinson, Larry Williams, Wayne Wright

Total members present: 36

Total members absent: 16

II. Approval of the May 11, 2010 minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair of the Faculty Senate- Dr. Carola Wenk

Dr. Wenk introduced herself and invited the senate members to introduce themselves. She gave an overview of the senate and their duties and responsibilities. Dr. Wenk introduced Kelly Garza as Ashley Diaz's replacement and Ashley was presented with a thank you gift. Dr. Wenk explained that

RowdySpace would be the new means of sharing information for the senate to alleviate emails with huge attachments. She gave a short demonstration on how to log in and find the Faculty Senate folder. She proposed adding a link on the website for resolutions passed by the senate. She and Dr. Amy Jasperson would like to start a faculty newsletter that documents important issues discussed in the Faculty Senate and University Assembly that could be shared with all faculty, which will also be posted on the senate website. She reminded everyone that the Senate group picture will be taken on October 8, 2010 at 3:15 pm before the Faculty Senate meeting. She informed the senate that the new HOP policy 2.35 Academic Program Substantive Change has been approved. She also mentioned that the Provost has issued new guidelines for the promotion and tenure, 3rd year review, and for the periodic performance evaluation, which are available at <http://provost.utsa.edu/VPAFS/information.asp>. Lastly, she informed that a new faculty lounge has been created in the Teaching and Learning Center, JPL 4.03.03A.

- B. Secretary of General Faculty- Dr. Amy Jasperson
No report for the University Assembly as they have not met yet.
There has not been an official UT Faculty System meeting but a lot of happenings. Dr. Jasperson discussed the Criminal Background Check Policy and explained that with the input of Administrators, Faculty representatives and Presidents a template will be drafted. UTSA can build on this preliminary draft and make it fit the needs of UTSA. Dr. Jasperson also attended the American Association of University Professors Summer Institute, along with Senator Dr. Robert Hard, and provided the senate with some statistics on full time versus part time faculty employment across the country.

- IV. Election of Officers and Members of Standing Committees.
Additional nominations were taken from the senate floor for the officer positions And members of standing committees. Results of the Election can be found in Appendix A

V. Reports

- C. Academic Policy Requirements Committee
Bennie Wilson presented the change in admission policy for the Biology Program. It was unanimously approved.
- D. Report from University Curriculum Committee on BA in General Studies.
Raydel Tullous presented the proposal for a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies. Senators were concerned about the quality of education such a program would provide, in particular with UTSA's aspiration of becoming a Tier 1 institution. The proposal was not passed by the senate.

IV. New Business

A. Kenneth Pierce and Cindy Espinoza

Mr. Kenneth Pierce gave an overview of the status of the “Summer Splash” projects that OIT has been working on in the summer. Ms. Cindy Espinoza spoke about the online teaching evaluations. The test run during the summer had a 26% response rate. Previous response rates with IDEA surveys were 48%, and the goal is to increase the response rate for the online teaching evaluations to get close to 50% as well, possibly using incentives for students such as completion certificates that can be turned in during final exam of the class. She also indicated that this fall will be the official launch of the online survey system.

V. Provost Report – Dr. John Frederick

The Provost asked the senate to reconsider their vote on the B.A. in General Studies. He is willing to come back and speak to them on this subject at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

VI. Open Forum

There was no discussion.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:37 pm.

Appendix A

Officers and Executive Committee:		
Carola Wenk	Chair	
Robert Hard	Vice Chair	
Kim Kline	Chair, Graduate Council	
Amy Jaspersen	Secretary of the General Faculty	
Johnelle Sparks	Secretary	
MaryEllen Garcia	Parliamentarian	
Hazem Rashed-Ali	School of Architecture	
Raydel Tullous	College of Business	
Misty Sailors	College of Education and Human Development	
Randy Manteufel	College of Engineering	
Rhonda Gonzales	College of Liberal and Fine Arts	
Branco Ponomariov	College of Public Policy	
Judy Haschenburger	College of Sciences	
Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee		
Andrea Aleman	COLFA	8/31/2011
Leanne Alarid	COPP	8/31/2011
Ben Olguin	COLFA	8/31/2011
Irina Solovyova	COA	8/31/2011
Karen Daas	COLFA	8/31/2012
Ruyan Guo	COE	8/31/2012
William Winsborough	COS	8/31/2012
Victor De Oliveira	COB	8/31/2012
Juanita Firestone	COPP	8/31/2013

Richard Gambitta	COLFA	8/31/2013
Mark Leung	COB	8/31/2013
Mary McNaughton-Cassill	COLFA	8/31/2013
Michael Miller	COLFA	8/31/2013
Brent Nowak	COE	8/31/2013
James Powell	COS	8/31/2013
Chris Reddick	COPP	8/31/2013
William Short	COLFA	8/31/2013
Stephen Temple	COA	8/31/2013
Rebecca Weston	COLFA	8/31/2013
Academic Policy and Requirements Committee		
Clyde Phelix	COS	8/31/2011
Kimberley Bilica	COEHD	8/31/2011
Patricia McGee	COEHD	8/31/2011
Seok Kang	COLFA	8/31/2012
James Balentine	COLFA	8/31/2012
Randy Manteufel	COE	8/31/2012
Bennie Wilson	COB	8/31/2012
Andrey Chabanov	COS	8/31/2013
Richard Lewis	COLFA	8/31/2013
Sandy Norman	COS	8/31/2013
Rolando Quintana	COB	8/31/2013
Anuradha Roy	COB	8/31/2013
Budget Committee		
Kevin Grant	COB	8/31/2011
Fred Hudson	COE	8/31/2011
Robert Ambrosino	COPP	8/31/2011
Michael Ryan	COLFA	8/31/2012

Donovan Fogt	COEHD	8/31/2012
Stephen Bach	COS	8/31/2012
Sedef Doganer	COA	8/31/2012
Thomas Coyle	COLFA	8/31/2013
Audrey Dentith	COEHD	8/31/2013
Beth A. Durodoye	COEHD	8/31/2013
Kirsten Gardner	COLFA	8/31/2013
Robert Hard	COLFA	8/31/2013
Ted Skekel	COB	8/31/2013
John Zhang	COEHD	8/31/2013
<i>Evaluations, Merit, Rewards, and Workload Committee</i>		
William Cooke	COEHD	8/31/2011
Frank Chen	COE	8/31/2011
Patricia McGee	COEHD	8/31/2011
Jeffery von Ronne	COS	8/31/2011
Amy Jasperson	COLFA	8/31/2011
Jon Thompson	COA	8/31/2011
Jolyn Mikow	COPP	8/31/2011
Marian Aitches	COLFA	8/31/2011
Cherylon Robinson	COLFA	8/31/2012
Victor De Oliveira	COB	8/31/2012
Zlatko Koinov	COS	8/31/2012
Thomas Coyle	COLFA	8/31/2013
Kirsten Gardner	COLFA	8/31/2013
Rhonda Gonzales	COLFA	8/31/2013
Mark Leung	COB	8/31/2013
Rolando Quintana	COB	8/31/2013
Chris Reddick	COPP	8/31/2013

Stephen Temple	COA	8/31/2013
<i>Nominating, Elections, and Procedures Committee</i>		
Bruce Smith	COE	8/31/2011
Mariela Rodriguez	COEHD	8/31/2011
Judy Haschenburger	COS	8/31/2011
John McCray	COB	8/31/2012
Ted Skekel	COB	8/31/2012
Ron Binks	COLFA	8/31/2012
Johnelle Sparks	COPP	8/31/2012
Diane Abdo	Freshman Initiative	8/31/2013
Juliet Langman	COEHD	8/31/2013
Xochitl Lopez-Lozano	COS	8/31/2013
Saadet Toker	COA	8/31/2013
Rebecca Weston	COLFA	8/31/2013
<i>Committee on Handbook of Operating Procedures</i>		
Thomas Coyle	COLFA	8/31/2011
Gayle Nicoll	COA	8/31/2011
MaryEllen Garcia	COLFA	8/31/2011
Lars Hansen	COE	8/31/2011
Robert Hard	COLFA	8/31/2011
Cherylon Robinson	COLFA	8/31/2011
Donovan Fogt	COEHD	8/31/2011
Manuel Berriozabal	COS	8/31/2013
Juanita Firestone	COPP	8/31/2013
Melvin Laracey	COLFA	8/31/2013
Mike Miller	COLFA	8/31/2013
<i>University Curriculum Committee</i>		

Carol Dyas	COS	8/31/2013
Daniel Engster	COLFA	8/31/2013
Jerry Goldstein	COS	8/31/2013
Nandini Kannan	COB	8/31/2013
Anand Ramasubramanian	COE	8/31/2013
Daniel Sass	COEHD	8/31/2013
Jim Schneider	COLFA	8/31/2013
William Short	COLFA	8/31/2013
Alistair Welchman	COLFA	8/31/2013
Craig Jordan	COS	8/31/2011
Clyde Phelix	COS	8/31/2011
Anthony Chronopoulos	COS	8/31/2011
John Alexander	COA	8/31/2011
Pat Thompson	COLFA	8/31/2011
Melvin Laracey	COLFA	8/31/2011
Raydel Tullous	COB	8/31/2012
John Merrifield	COB	8/31/2012
Hazem Rashed-Ali	COA	8/31/2012