

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
of March 24, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year was held March 24, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 2.04.22) with Dr. Karen Daas, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Christie Blizard, Janis Bush, Pepe Chang, Jackie Cuevas, Karen Daas, James Dawes, Glenn Dietrich, Karen Dodwell, Jim Dykes, John Frederick, Yongli Gao, Edgar Ghossoub, Dmitry Gokhman, Vaidya Gundlupet, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, Gregory Hazelton, Jill Hernandez, Turgay Korkmaz, Rui Liu, Chad Mahood, Byongook Moon, Michael Moyer, Wing Chung Ng, John Nix, Chris Packham, Lloyd Potter, Dan Sass, Howard Smith, Liang Tang, Alistair Welchman, Christopher Wickham, Karen Williams, John Zhang

Absent: Jennifer Alexander, Michael Baumann, Saadet Beeson, Karan Bhanot, Rajesh Bhargave, Emily Bonner (excused), Samer Dessouky, Martha Fasci, Mark Giles, Richard Harris (excused), Michael Karcher (excused), Aneta Koynova, Richard Lewis, Randall Manteufel, Ashok Nedungadi, Derek Plantenga, Teresa Sellers, Kelly Suter (excused)

Guests: Rao Govindaraju (for Randall Manteufel), Kevin Grant (for Michael Baumann), Mary Kay Houston-Vega (for Richard Harris), Sarah Soulek, Victor Villarreal (for Michael Karcher)

Total members present: 34

Total members absent: 18

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – February 25, 2016  
The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair's Report – Karen Daas

Dr. Daas said that a new draft from the Campus Carry taskforce is in the works. She said she would forward it once it is completed. Dr. Daas reminded senators

to send in any nominations for Faculty Senate Chair and Secretary of the General Faculty. Elections for both positions will take place at the April 21<sup>st</sup> senate meeting. Elections for senate standing committees and committee chairs will take place at the May 5<sup>th</sup> senate meeting. Dr. Daas said that a Faculty Senate representative is needed to serve on UTSA's Athletics Council. Anyone who is interested can contact her. Dr. Daas also encouraged senators to attend the upcoming Blueprint 2020 forum on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Regent's Room (MB 3.106). An email will be sent out for RSVPs to determine an approximate count of how many will be attending. She also reminded the senate about the annual Faculty Senate mixer directly following the May 5<sup>th</sup> senate meeting in the Faculty Center.

B. Secretary of the General Faculty – Jill Hernandez

Dr. Hernandez said that there was a University Assembly meeting held earlier this month in which the President discussed the Blueprint 2020 plan. A special taskforce composed of faculty and staff is to be developed over the summer to review the latest version of the plan. She encouraged senators to attend the upcoming Blueprint meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

At TCFS, Dr. Hernandez said that each campus presented a report on how they are responding to SB 11. She said that some campuses are proposing more stringent exclusion zones and some campuses are not.

She said that the health campuses have been asked to assist with an informal study on budget cuts and the impact on faculty retention. The SYSFAC executive committee is also looking at the DFW issue and a faculty workload taskforce has been created.

C. Provost's report – John Frederick

There was no formal report, but the floor was open for questions. A question was asked regarding the likelihood of a compression study. Dr. Frederick said that that would depend on the availability of funding. A question was asked about the origination of UT System's workload taskforce. Dr. Frederick said that last year's audit revealed UTSA as a model campus. The committee was formed in order to standardize processes across UT institutions and to look at the technical aspect of how workload credits are allocated.

D. HOP Committee – Glenn Dietrich

The HOP committee reviewed 3 policies:

○ **10.01 Export Control**

The committee had no major concerns with this policy and recommend it for approval. The senate voted to unanimously approve the proposal.

○ **4.20 Authorized Leave**

The committee found two possible issues with this proposed policy including wellness time reporting for grant-funded employees and sick pool donations having to be reported as taxable income by the donor. The committee proposed non-approval of this policy as written, in order to work

with the university in addressing these concerns. The senate voted as follows to approve the committee's recommendation to not approve the policy as written:

32 approve

0 not approve

1 abstention

○ **5.09 Class Attendance**

The committee received many comments on this policy and are recommending non-approval of this policy as written, in order to work with the university in addressing these concerns. The senate voted to unanimously approve the committee's recommendation.

E. Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee – Lloyd Potter

The committee reviewed a memo sent by Dean Gelo to COLFA faculty on February 18, 2016 regarding DFW rates. The committee received input on the memo and discussed their concerns. There was some additional discussion in the meeting and it was recommended that the committee compile the additional information and send out a revised report for electronic approval. Dr. Potter said that he would revise the memo and it will be sent out shortly for electronic approval by the senate.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Open Forum

Dr. Packham encouraged everyone to attend the East Asia Institute's "Future of the U.S.-Japan Strategic Partnership" featuring speaker Congressman Joaquin Castro. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the McKinney Humanities building (2.01.24).

In addition, there will be an information session by speaker Dr. Mitsuaki Nozaki, the Director of Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Washington office, on how to obtain grant & funding opportunities. The information session will take place on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 p.m. in BSE 2.102.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 4:55 p.m.