

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of April 21, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year was held April 21, 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: Jennifer Alexander, Michael Baumann, Karan Bhanot, Christie Blizzard, Emily Bonner, Pepe Chang, Karen Daas, Samer Dessouky, Glenn Dietrich, Karen Dodwell, Jim Dykes, Yongli Gao, Mark Giles, Dmitry Gokhman, Vaidya Gundlupet, Ruyan Guo, Richard Harris, Gregory Hazleton, Jill Hernandez, Turgay Korkmaz, Aneta Koynova, Richard Lewis, Chad Mahood, Byongook Moon, Ashok Nedungadi, Wing Chung Ng, John Nix, Chris Packham, Dan Sass, Teresa Sellers, Kelly Suter, Liang Tang, Alistair Welchman, Christopher Wickham, Karen Williams, John Zhang

Absent: Saadet Beeson (excused), Rajesh Bhargave, Janis Bush, Jackie Cuevas, James Dawes, Martha Fasci, John Frederick (excused), Edgar Ghossoub (excused), Jamon Halvaksz (excused), Michael Karcher, Rui Liu, Randall Manteufel, Michael Moyer, Derek Plantenga, Lloyd Potter (excused), Howard Smith

Guests: Sarah Soulek, Jeremy Sullivan (for Michael Karcher)

Total members present: 36

Total members absent: 16

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – March 24, 2016
Approved.
- Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Approved.
- Re-election of Michael Baumann as Graduate Council Chair
Approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair's Report – Karen Daas

Dr. Daas said that HOP 5.09 Class Attendance is currently under revision and a new version will likely be distributed next month, or in the fall. HOP 4.20 Authorized Leave is also currently under revision. HOP 9.48 Carrying of Concealed Handguns on Campus is a new policy that will be reviewed at the Regent's next meeting in spring/summer. The policy was drafted by Legal Affairs and will be reviewed/approved by the Regents. Although the policy is not currently under stakeholder review, it can be reviewed in the fall to address any concerns/proposed changes. Dr. Daas reminded the senate that committee elections will be held at the senate's May 5th meeting, and that new senators are welcome to attend. The annual Faculty Senate Mixer will immediately follow.

B. Secretary of the General Faculty – Jill Hernandez

Dr. Hernandez said that SYSFAC's Academic Affairs committee is continuing work on dual credit, with site visits temporarily on hold. She said that a resolution was drafted stating that DFW rates shouldn't be tied to performance evaluations. The resolution has been sent to the Chancellor and Regents. The Academic Affairs committee plans to look at faculty-generated resolutions to this issue in the fall. The coordinating board's 60x30 initiative is a goal for 60% of Texans to have post-high school credentials (dual credit, degrees, certificates, etc.) by 2030. This is another long-term project that the Academic Affairs committee will be looking at.

Dr. Hernandez said that a whitepaper on shared governance is being developed based on an institutional survey conducted last fall. She said that the Teacher's Retirement System currently has a \$1.6 billion shortfall that will be looked at in greater depth in the fall. Dr. Hernandez confirmed that she had been appointed to the faculty workload taskforce along with Dean Gelo as UTSA's representatives.

She said that graduate student funding was discussed during the UT System visit to UTSA. The CONACYT initiative, a partnership between UTSA, the Regents, and Mexican institutions which will bring research money to Ph.D.s, was also discussed. Dr. Hernandez said the next SYSFAC executive meeting will be held May 16th.

C. NEP Committee – Jim Dykes (for Emily Bonner)

- Dr. Dykes announced Dr. Emily Bonner as the sole nominee for 2016-2018 Faculty Senate Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor, so Dr. Bonner was elected by acclamation.
- Dr. Dykes announced Dr. Jill Hernandez as the sole nominee for 2016-2018 Secretary of the General Faculty. There were no other nominations from the floor, so Dr. Hernandez was elected by acclamation.

D. Campus Carry special committee – Gregory Hazleton

Dr. Hazleton said that students and faculty had been surveyed regarding their thoughts on Campus Carry, and the results were forwarded to the President's office. Dr. Hazleton requested that the committee stay in place next year to further assess the impact of Campus Carry. At the committee elections next month, the senate will vote on whether or not to keep this special committee in place.

IV. Unfinished Business

- The Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit committee's response to the DFW memo from the March senate meeting was approved via electronic vote:
 - 39 approve
 - 1 do not approve
 - 0 abstain

V. New Business

- There was a question raised about a remark on UTSA's summer website that said course prerequisites will be waived for all summer classes. Dr. Daas said that she would look into this.

VI. Open Forum

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 4:25 p.m.