

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

## DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

### SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING of September 10, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year was held September 10, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22) with Dr. Karen Daas, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

#### I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Jennifer Alexander, Michael Baumann, Saadet Beeson, Karan Bhanot, Rajesh Bhargava, Christie Blizard, Emily Bonner, Janis Bush, Pepe Chang, Amy Chanmugam, Karen Daas, James Dawes, Samer Dessouky, Glenn Dietrich, Karen Dodwell, Jim Dykes, Yongli Gao, Mark Giles, Dmitry Gokhman, Vaidya Gundlupet, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, Gregory Hazelton, Jill Hernandez, Michael Karcher, Turgay Korkmaz, Aneta Koynova, Richard Lewis, Rui Liu, Chad Mahood, Randall Manteufel, Joycelyn Moody, Wing Chung Ng, John Nix, Lloyd Potter, Matthew Reilly, Dan Sass, Teresa Sellers, Howard Smith, Kelly Suter, Alistair Welchman, Christopher Wickham, John Zhang

Absent: Julie Dahlquist, Martha Fasci (excused), Edgar Ghossoub (excused), Harry Jarrett, Byongook Moon, Michael Moyer, Ashok Nedungadi, Chris Packham (excused), Derek Plantenga (excused)

Guests: DeBrenna Agbenyiga, Hamid Beladi, Mike Gilbert (for Byongook Moon), Xomalin Peralta (for Chris Packham), Sarah Soulek, Floyd Wormley, Jesse Zapata (for John Frederick)

Total members present: 43

Total members absent: 9

#### II. Reports

##### A. Chair's Report – Karen Daas

Dr. Daas welcomed new senators and briefly described responsibilities for all senators: to attend meetings (or send a substitute), convey information discussed to faculty, and to participate in committee activities. She also explained the policy approval process and encouraged senators to forward emails requesting stakeholder review to their departments. Any feedback received should be sent to the HOP committee chair. This year's Faculty Senate committee chairs are:

- Academic Freedom, Evaluation, and Merit Committee – Lloyd Potter
- Budget Committee – TBD (will be voted on later in the meeting)
- Handbook of Operating Procedures Committee – Glenn Dietrich
- Nominating, Elections, and Procedures Committee – Emily Bonner

- Research Committee – Howard Smith
- University Curriculum Committee – Alistair Welchman

Dr. Daas announced the upcoming Campus Carry Faculty Forums:

- Tuesday, Sep 22 10-11:30am – Faculty Center Assembly Room
- Wednesday, Sep 23 2-3:30pm – Faculty Center Assembly Room
- Thursday, Sep 24 10-11:30am – DT Buena Vista Assembly Room (1.338)

More information can be found at: <http://www.utsa.edu/campuscarry> or email <mailto:campuscarry@utsa.edu> for suggestions.

In addition, Dr. Daas encouraged faculty to attend the President's State of the University Address on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the HEB University Center.

B. Secretary of the General Faculty – Jill Hernandez

Dr. Hernandez announced the date of the next University Assembly meeting: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm in the JPL Assembly Room. She also gave an update from the most recent SYSFAC meeting last week. The Regents' Rule on Intellectual Property (90101) is currently in place. The Regent's three faculty priorities are faculty governance, research initiatives for all faculty, and a new core impact study that will look at the impact of dual courses in high school on the timing of degree achievement. Academic Affairs initiatives are the core impact study and a resolution on Multidimensional Depiction of Student Success. She shared the websites the Office of Strategic Initiatives uses to track productivity. Dr. Hernandez also announced the Chancellor's focus on leadership training and new programs under development.

C. Provost's Report – Jesse Zapata (for John Frederick)

Dr. Zapata presented some Academic Affairs updates. He said that 40 new TT and 35 new NTT faculty attended the orientation for new faculty. He announced some new faces/new titles at UTSA:

- Graduate School–DeBrenna Agbenyiga
- Honors College–Ann Eisenberg
- Library—Mary Dixson
- Information Technology—Bryan Wilson
- Vice Provost, Resource Mgmt.—Edwin Barea-Rodriguez

He announced some student-related projects currently underway:

- Graduate student recruitment
- Summer term re-design and expansion
- Various GRIP initiatives
- Graduate program enhancement
- International study abroad expansion

Faculty accomplishments for the year included 37 faculty promoted, 23 with tenure, seven Regents Teaching Awardees, an inductee into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers, seven new emeritus faculty, and multiple endowed chair appointments.

Faculty-related projects include:

- Faculty development services
- Faculty recruitment with STARS
- Endowed chair recruitment

- Faculty orientation and mentoring programs (all departments should currently have a mentoring program in place)
- Code of Ethics (developed by the Faculty Senate)

Major capital projects underway at UTSA include a program/design for a Science-Engineering Building (TRB project), the inclusion of “active-learning” classrooms, DT campus planning, and space management policy review.

#### Digital Measures

Dr. Zapata said that Dr. Welch is working on making some improvements to Digital Measures and is requesting the senate’s input on some issues. Comments can be sent to Dr. Zapata or Dr. Welch. The full report may be found on the senate’s webpage or SharePoint site with the other meeting documents.

#### D. Consent Calendar – Jim Dykes

Dr. Dykes said that it had been proposed to incorporate a consent calendar into the senate’s monthly meetings. Non-concerning items such as the previous meeting minutes may be placed on the consent calendar and would be automatically approved with no vote needed at the meeting, unless a question is raised. If a question is raised before the meeting, the item will be removed from the consent calendar and discussed as needed. There would be approximately one week of advance notice given for items on the consent calendar. A motion was made and seconded. The senate voted to unanimously approve this addition to the meetings.

#### E. NEP Committee – Emily Bonner

Dr. Bonner said that an election must take place to replace Dr. Tillyer who has taken an administrative position and is no longer able to serve as Vice Chair on the senate. The replacement member would assume the Vice Chair position, as well as serve on the senate’s executive committee, budget committee, and HOP committee. She announced the sole nominee, Samer Dessouky, and opened up nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations, so Samer Dessouky was elected by acclamation.

#### F. Curriculum Committee – Alistair Welchman

The curriculum committee reviewed a proposal for a certificate in Pathogenic Outbreak Investigations. There were some questions raised regarding whether or not the approval process had been followed correctly. The curriculum committee voted to invite the creators of the proposal to come and discuss the proposal and to clarify the process that was followed. It was determined that there are two separate issues at hand: following the process of approval, and whether or not to approve the certificate. The curriculum committee will be reviewing the approval process going forward and the senate decided to vote on the proposal.

By majority vote (32 yes, 1 no, 3 abstentions), the senate approved the proposal for a certificate in Pathogenic Outbreak Investigations.

### III. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

IV. New Business

- DeBrenna Agbenyiga, Vice Provost and Dean, Graduate School  
Dr. Agbenyiga discussed the recent restructuring of the graduate school and its focus on improving recruitment efforts. She said that going forward, there will be different recruiters assigned to different colleges in order to foster greater partnerships and increased collaboration. Recruitment efforts are also being expanded to different states outside of Texas. She also mentioned the need for greater engagement for graduate students here at UTSA, and the need for a graduate school community. Dr. Agbenyiga discussed plans for a Graduate Center for Professional Development and Engagement. She said the graduate school is focused on not just maintaining, but growing, graduate student enrollment.

V. Open Forum

VI. Adjournment

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