UTSA Faculty Senate

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- Tony Cucolo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Leadership Development and Veteran's Affairs
  - Creating a Chancellor's Network for Women's Leadership
    - Campus chapters should be formed Feb-April, composed of men and women in leadership positions.
    - Chapters will elect/select 2 champions (1 fac, 1 admin/staff) to be on exec committee, which will meet with chancellor.
    - Annual workshop on leadership

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- Tony Cucolo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Leadership Development and Veteran's Affairs
  - Shared Governance Visits

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- Steve Leslie, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
  - Wants ITL to be available by the end of the year for campuses to use for online education.
  - Revisions to Regent's Rules on faculty workload.
- David Daniel, Deputy Chancellor
  - Legislature has proposed $80/$500 million cuts to UT
  - Proposed 4 year tuition freeze

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- Academic Affairs Committee; two projects
  - Dual Credit Study (currently underway)
  - Produce a report on "aspirational best-practices" for the use of NTTs. NTTs deserve respect; report would like to present principles of respect.
    - Full-time versus part-time - committee leans toward endorsing full-time whenever possible
    - Qualifications (terminal degree, other qualifying experience) - lean toward terminal
    - Appropriate titles
    - Hiring decision – who makes it?
    - Contract length and type, e.g., fixed, rolling - committee leans towards rolling
    - Contract renewal date - committee would like renewal to happen in May or June so that NTTs aren't left lurching late in August.
    - Review/evaluation, e.g. student evaluations, peer evaluation, teaching center evaluation
    - Mentoring - committee generally favors some sort of mentoring relationship
    - Workload, number of courses and preps, changes in preps
    - Number of students
    - Grading support
    - Research/publication requirement/support/reward
    - Role in governance, e.g., voting faculty, representation in governance body and on committees