

# UTSA<sup>®</sup> The University of Texas at San Antonio<sup>™</sup> FACULTY SENATE

Chair's Report

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# GRIP Highlights

- CLASS task forces will replace GRIP (Provost Initiative)
  - Onboarding
  - FYE
  - Academic Support
  - Financial Aid
  - Leadership

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- 4 year graduation rates up 7%; 6 year graduation rates up 7%
- Graduating student survey results
  - Areas of consistently high satisfaction: content of courses, quality of instruction, accessible faculty
  - Areas of lower satisfaction: major courses offered when needed, academic support services, classroom technology, advisor accessibility
- Some results by dept/college available through IR

# GRIP Highlights (cont.)

- First year retention has increased some, but not a quantum leap
  - Number declines as class rank declines
  - Very high retention for African American females
- High retention for peer mentors
- CLASS task force working to create 7-8 Academic Pathways

# GRIP Highlights (cont.)

- Advising Update
  - Creation of strategic plan with specific goals
  - SSC Campus – live fall 2016
  - DegreeWorks – audit and planner components to help students lock down plans
  - More centralization and standardization
  - More proactive and intentional advising
  - More accessibility
  - Professional Development

# Other Updates

- Summer policy from last year is no longer in place
- Working on summer academy for students who are at risk of dropping out
- Faculty are encouraged to continue developing effective online courses to better serve students

# COLFA

- Passed resolution
- Dean met with chairs/senators last week to discuss plans
- Cut seems to be closer to 15% than 50%
- Working on getting students involved/informed

# Future Initiatives

- Curriculum streamlining and review
- Budget collaboration at the department level