

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of December 7, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2017-2018 academic year was held December 7, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22) with Dr. Emily Bonner, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Diane Abdo, Vangie Aguilera, Sonya Aleman, Michael Baumann, Saadet Beeson, Christie Blizzard, David Bojanic, Emily Bonner, Natasha Burns, Pepe Chang, Crystal Colombini, Brian Davies, Walter Ermler, Ruyan Guo, Shane Haberstroh, Richard Harris, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Michael Karcher, Turgay Korkmaz, Chad Mahood, Francisco Marcos-Marin, Michael Miller, Byongook Moon, John Nix, Sakiko Oyama, Chris Packham, Rogelio Palomera-Arias, Derek Plantenga, Gabriela Sanchez-Soto, Tulio Sulbaran, David Thompson, Joshua Thurow, Diane Walz, Karen Williams, Hongjie Xie, Tina Zawacki

Absent: James Dawes (excused), Martha Fasci (excused), Edgar Ghossoub (excused), Dmitry Gokhman, Abraham Graber (excused), Jamon Halvaksz (excused), David Hansen, Aneta Koynova, Ashok Nedungadi, Branco Ponomariov, Dan Sass (excused), Les Shephard (excused), Kelly Suter (excused), Liang Tang (excused), Xiaodu Wang (excused), Walter Wilson (excused)

Guests: Kathy Funk-Baxter, Sarah Soulek, Jesse Zapata

Total members present: 37

Total members absent: 16

II. Consent Calendar

Approval of minutes – November 2, 2017

The minutes were approved.

Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation

The certificate was approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair Report – Emily Bonner

Dr. Bonner said that the new faculty workload policy has been passed by the Board of Regents. The next step is to work with administration to develop a HOP policy for UTSA. SYSFAC felt that a model policy would be too restrictive, so institutions have been tasked with developing their own individual policies.

B. Secretary of the General Faculty – Joshua Thurow

Regarding the faculty workload policy, Dr. Thurow said that initial meetings are being scheduled with the Provost to begin work on UTSA's HOP policy. The policy must be completed, voted on, and approved by November 2018.

Dr. Thurow gave an update on the tuition and fee committee. The committee's final meeting was November 15th where proposals were voted on and the committee's recommendations were forwarded to the President. Recommendations include an increase in both tuition and various fees, as well as the implementation of differential tuition for COB and COE students. Once reviewed and approved by the President, the proposals will be sent to the Board of Regents for approval. In addition, the student fee portion must be approved by the student body.

C. Provost's Report – Jesse Zapata (for Mauli Agrawal)

Dr. Zapata said that the Emeritus policy is being revamped in order to make Emeritus status more meritorious. He said that a committee looked at the current policy and made recommendations, which were sent to the HOP committee and then sent out for stakeholder review. As a stakeholder in the process, the Faculty Senate has an opportunity to review and make recommendations by January.

D. HOP Committee – Diane Walz

The HOP Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to HOP 2.03 'Emeritus Academic Titles'. The committee had two major concerns:

- A stipulation has been added that faculty must have been rated as "exceeds expectations" in 4 out of their last 5 reviews in order to qualify
- A stipulation has been added that faculty will only have one chance to apply for Emeritus status

Dr. Walz encouraged the senate to send her any comments within the next two weeks.

E. Curriculum Committee – Sakiko Oyama

The Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal for the following 8 core curriculum courses:

1. ARC 2413 History of Architecture: Pre-history to the Middle Ages
2. ENG 2xxx Literature and Film
3. ENG 2xx3 Science, Technology, and Society
4. PHI 2013 Basic Philosophical Problems
5. MUS 2653 History of Recorded Music
6. MUS 2653 Music in Culture
7. MAT 1053 Mathematics for Business

8. MAT 1133 Calculus for Business

A full report detailing each proposal can be accessed through SharePoint. The committee recommended that all proposals be approved. The senate voted to unanimously approve all 8 proposals.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

V. New Business

- Kathy Funk-Baxter, Vice President for Business Affairs
 - Budget Update – A FY2018 budget presentation was shared with the senate by Kathy Funk-Baxter, Vice President for Business Affairs. Revenue and expense highlights were discussed, as well as a breakdown of university income and expenditures. The full presentation can be accessed through SharePoint.

VI. Open Forum

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:00 p.m.