

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of May 4, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2016-2017 academic year was held May 4, 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: Jennifer Alexander, Michael Baumann, Saadet Beeson, David Bojanic, Emily Bonner, Pepe Chang, Karen Daas, Brian Davies, Walter Ermler, Martha Fasci, Ray Garza, Edgar Ghossoub, Alexis Godet, Dmitry Gokhman, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, David Hansen, Richard Harris, Gregory Hazleton, Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Michael Karcher, Aneta Koynova, Chad Mahood, John Nix, Sandy Norman, Sakiko Oyama, Chris Packham, Rogelio Palomera-Arias, Derek Plantenga, Dan Sass, Liang Tang, David Thompson, Joshua Thurow, Alistair Welchman

Absent: Sonya Aleman (excused), Christie Blizzard (excused), Natasha Burns, Jackie Cuevas (excused), James Dawes (excused), Samer Dessouky, Glenn Dietrich, Turgay Korkmaz, Melvin Laracey, Randall Manteufel, Michael Miller, Byongook Moon, Michael Moyer (excused), Ashok Nedungadi, Lloyd Potter, Kelly Suter, Christopher Wickham, Karen Williams

Guests: Mauli Agrawal, Vangie Aguilera, Crystal Colombini, Sarah Soulek

Total members present: 34

Total members absent: 18

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – April 20, 2017
The minutes were approved.
- 2017-2019 Graduate Catalog
The graduate catalog was approved.
- Cloud Computing Graduate Certificate
The certificate was approved.
- Election of Standing Committee Members for 2017-2018
The committee ballots were approved. Results can be found in Appendix A.

III. Reports

A. Chair's Report – Emily Bonner

Dr. Bonner said that a shared governance meeting is set for May 15th. A Qualtrics survey was recently sent out to gather feedback from departments regarding shared governance. She said the information generated from the survey will be shared with the UT System visitors at the governance meeting. Dr. Bonner gave an update on CLASS. She said that the LEAD academy is actively recruiting, financial aid is looking at restructuring in the future to better align resources, and the academic pathways curricula are being set to allow students to register. She said that there is a CLASS powerpoint currently uploaded to SharePoint with more information. Dr. Bonner reminded the senate about the ongoing working groups on budget, sexual harassment, annual reports and program evaluation. She encouraged anyone interested in joining these groups to do so. She mentioned a few possible ideas for the senate to implement in the future such as including an electronic suggestion box, creating a senate Facebook page, and adding a Chair-elect position to the senate. She said these ideas can be re-evaluated in the fall. Dr. Bonner thanked the senate for their time and hard work this year.

B. Provost's Report – Mauli Agrawal

Dr. Agrawal said that he followed up on the concerns related to travel reimbursements from the last senate meeting. He said that some process issues were identified and that there is currently a lack of training for those involved in the process. He said that he is looking into mandatory training going forward. A correlation has been identified between courses with the highest DFW rates and attendance. He encouraged everyone to think of ways to combat this and how to compel students to seek tutoring when needed. A question was asked regarding the new projects downtown. He said that a conference center is underway that is expected to hold about 300 people and will include breakout rooms. Student activities and advising will be moved to the same area, and there is the possibility of opening a small faculty center downtown. He confirmed that the BV theater will be used for some conferences, but will continue to be utilized as it is now. A question was asked regarding the status of the Presidential search. Dr. Agrawal said that he had no updates, but that a new President is expected to begin September 1st. A question was asked regarding hiring. Dr. Agrawal said that he has asked the Deans to provide him with lists of their top priorities for the budget.

C. Curriculum Committee – Alistair Welchman

Dr. Welchman said that his committee reviewed the 2017-2018 undergraduate catalog. There were some minor issues identified and one major issue that the committee recommends be resolved: COS has offered a BA in Chemistry with a concentration in Grades 7-12 Chemistry Teaching Certification, but this program has not been given the appropriate approvals and should be removed from the catalog. The committee recommends that the senate accept its recommendations and approve the undergraduate catalog. The senate voted to approve the undergraduate catalog as follows:

29 approve, 0 do not approve, 1 abstention

Dr. Welchman gave an update on the certificate proposal rules that the senate proposed in 2015 and were approved regarding HOP 2.38 and program closures. He said that Dr. Williams will be including the proposal rules in the UTSA Curriculum Guide which is updated each summer. In addition, he said that the curriculum committee might want to review HOP 2.38 regarding independent committees this fall.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Open Forum

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 4:35 p.m.

Appendix A 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Committees (Final)

Academic Freedom, Evaluation, and Merit Committee		Exp Date:
Saadet Beeson	CACP	8/31/2018
Michael Karcher	COEHD	8/31/2018
Dan Sass	COB	8/31/2018
Kelly Suter, CHAIR	COS	8/31/2019
Richard Harris	COPP	8/31/2020
Abraham Graber	COLFA	8/31/2020
Shane Haberstroh	COEHD	8/31/2020
Francisco Marcos-Marin	COLFA	8/31/2020
Les Shephard	COE	8/31/2020
Budget Committee		Exp Date:
Edgar Ghossoub	COB	8/31/2018
Martha Fasci	COB	8/31/2018
Sonya Aleman	COEHD	8/31/2019
Natasha Burns	COB	8/31/2019
James Dawes	CACP	8/31/2019
David Hansen	COLFA	8/31/2019
Melvin Laracey	COLFA	8/31/2019
Michael Miller	COLFA	8/31/2019
John Nix (FS Vice Chair), CHAIR	COLFA/Vice Chair	8/31/2019

David Bojanic	COB	8/31/2020
Vangie Aguilera	COEHD	8/31/2020
<i>Nominating, Elections, and Procedures Committee</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Jennifer Alexander	COPP	8/31/2018
Christie Blizard	COLFA	8/31/2018
Dmitry Gokhman	COS	8/31/2018
Ashok Nedungadi	COE	8/31/2018
Derek Plantenga	COPP	8/31/2018
Crystal Kalinec-Craig	COEHD	8/31/2019
Chad Mahood (FS Secretary), CHAIR	COLFA/Secretary	8/31/2019
<i>Committee on Handbook of Operating Procedures</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
TBD	Department Chair Council	N/A
Aneta Koynova	COS	8/31/2018
Michael Baumann	Grad Council	8/31/2019
Walter Ermler	COS	8/31/2019
Melvin Laracey	COLFA	8/31/2019
John Nix (FS Vice Chair)	COLFA/Vice Chair	8/31/2019
Rogelio Palomera-Arias	CACP	8/31/2019
David Thompson	COEHD	8/31/2019
Diane Walz, CHAIR	COB	8/31/2020
<i>Faculty Senate Research Committee</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Jamon Halvaksz	COLFA	8/31/2018
Ruyan Guo	COE	8/31/2018
Chris Packham, CHAIR	COS	8/31/2018
Byongook Moon	COPP	8/31/2019
Hongjie Xie	COS	8/31/2019
Crystal Colombini	COLFA	8/31/2020
Gabriela Sanchez-Soto	COPP	8/31/2020
Xiaodu Wang	COE	8/31/2020
Tina Zawacki	COLFA	8/31/2020
<i>University Curriculum Committee</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Diane Abdo	University College	8/31/2018
Pepe Chang	COB	8/31/2019
Brian Davies	COLFA	8/31/2019
Martha Fasci, CO-CHAIR	COB	8/31/2019
Turgay Korkmaz	COS	8/31/2019
Liang Tang	COE	8/31/2019
Sakiko Oyama, CO-CHAIR	COEHD	8/31/2020

