

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of December 6, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2018-2019 academic year was held December 6, 2018, 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, David Bojanic, Emily Bonner, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Ian Caine, Pepe Chang, Whitney Chappell, Crystal Colombini, Glenn Dietrich, Edgar Ghossoub, Ovidio Giberga, Abraham Graber, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, David Hansen, Richard Harris, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Turgay Korkmaz, Lance Lambert, Melvin Laracey, Dennis Lopez, Chad Mahood, Michael Miller, Byongook Moon, Ashok Nedungadi, George Negrete, Sharon Nichols, Sakiko Oyama, Chris Packham, Rogelio Palomera-Arias, Debra Pena, Derek Plantenga, Branco Ponomariov, Priya Prasad, Devon Romero, Elaine Sanders, Kelly Suter, Liang Tang, David Thompson, Raydel Tullous, John Wald, Xiaodu Wang, Karen Williams, Tina Zawacki, John Zarco, Rene Zenteno

Absent: Brian Davies (excused), James Dawes, Bill Ramos, Les Shephard, Tulio Sulbaran

Guests: Maria Alejandro, Sarah Soulek, Johnelle Sparks

Total members present: 48

Total members absent: 6

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – November 8, 2018
- PhD of Philosophy Degree in Applied Demography changes
- MS in Demography

All items were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair Report – Emily Bonner
No report.

B. Secretary of the General Faculty – Chris Packham
Dr. Packham said that more details on incentives regarding research funding may be found on the VPR's website. All faculty are encouraged to pursue the opportunities listed and take advantage of the incentives.

C. Curriculum Committee – Sakiko Oyama

Dr. Oyama said that the committee reviewed a proposal for an undergraduate certificate in Community Engaged Leadership. The 15-credit hour certificate incorporates one new course (UCS 4013 UTSA Advanced Engagement) and requires participation in at least one civic engagement summit or undergraduate research. The certificate would integrate student's coursework with experiential learning opportunities, increase competitiveness for internships and job opportunities, and align with the President's Classroom to Career initiative. The committee recommended that the senate approve the proposal. *The senate voted to approve the committee's recommendation by a vote of: 38 approve, 0 do not approve, and 2 abstentions.*

IV. Unfinished Business

There was a presentation from the recently formed ad hoc subcommittee regarding faculty governance and the decision to move the College of Business to the downtown campus. The committee gave background on its formation before making a motion to continue the conversation in "executive session", and thus no minutes are recorded. The senate voted to enter into executive session as follows: 34 yes, 0 no, 7 abstentions. During executive session, the senate voted to pass a resolution to increase faculty input on major administrative initiatives.

After discussion, the senate voted to end the executive session.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Open Forum

Dr. Sanders, chair of Graduate Council, gave some background on Dr. Saygin's proposal to restructure the Graduate Council. This proposal was unable to be presented at a full senate meeting, but was shared with the senate's executive committee. The executive committee opted to draft a resolution regarding faculty governance, which was supported by the Graduate Council. The goal is to have a committee formed by December 31st to address the proposed restructuring of the Graduate Council. A rough draft of the committee's recommendation is planned to be presented at the February 1st Graduate Council meeting, with a final draft due by March 1st. The committee is looking to fill four Faculty Senate spots. Senators can email Dr. Elaine Sanders if interested in serving.

There was a question regarding the Provost's level of involvement at the senate executive committee meetings. Dr. Bonner reminded the senate that more communication was asked for when Provost candidates were interviewed, and that the Provost only attends a portion of some of the executive committee meetings. This interaction with the entire executive committee has replaced the Provost's one-on-one meetings with only the faculty senate chair.

Dr. Bonner invited senators to take a t-shirt and thanked them for their work this semester.

VII. Adjournment

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