

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of January 24, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2018-2019 academic year was held January 24, 2019, 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: Vangie Aguilera, David Bojanic, Emily Bonner, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Ian Caine, James Chambers, Langston Clark, Crystal Colombini, Brian Davies, Glenn Dietrich, Edgar Ghossoub, Ovidio Giberga, Abraham Graber, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, David Hansen, Richard Harris, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Turgay Korkmaz, Melvin Laracey, Dennis Lopez, Chad Mahood, Byongook Moon, George Negrete, Sharon Nichols, Chris Packham, Rogelio Palomera-Arias, Debra Pena, Derek Plantenga, Priya Prasad, Elaine Sanders, Liang Tang, David Thompson, Raydel Tullous, John Wald, Xiaodu Wang, Karen Williams, Tina Zawacki, Rene Zenteno

Absent: Diane Abdo (excused), Sonya Aleman, Pepe Chang, Whitney Chappell (excused), James Dawes (excused), Lance Lambert, Michael Miller (excused), Ashok Nedungadi, Branco Ponomariov, Bill Ramos, Devon Romero (excused), Tulio Sulbaran, John Zarco

Guests: Jennifer Beavers (for John Zarco), Karen Daas, David Dampier, Kimberly Andrews Espy, Hai-Chao Han, Alejandro Lopez (Paisano), Gerry Sanders, Sarah Soulek

Total members present: 40

Total members absent: 13

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – December 6, 2018

Pending a revision to add last month's resolution, the minutes were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair Report – Emily Bonner

Dr. Bonner reminded senators to follow Robert's Rules of order for all senate meetings, including waiting to be recognized by the senate chair or secretary of the general faculty before speaking (for senators and guests). Dr. Bonner said that 3 new Vice Presidents have been hired –

- Myron Anderson, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence
 - Currently scheduled to attend the February Faculty Senate meeting
- Kendra Ketchum, Vice President for Information Management and Technology
- Veronica Mendez, Vice President for Business Affairs

There will be several open forums available for the Vice Provost for Academic Innovation (currently underway):

- Jan 23rd, 11:00 – 12:00, JPL 4.04.22
- Jan 29th, 10:30-11:30, AET 0.202
- Feb 5th, 10:30-11:30, AET 0.202
- Feb 12th, 10:30-11:30, AET 0.202

Survey links will also be sent out via email for feedback.

In addition, question and answer sessions are being held with the Human Health Planning Advisory Task Force as follows:

- Jan 25th, 4:30-5:30, BVB 1.326 (hosted by COPP, CACP)
- Jan 29th, 4:30-5:30, MB 3.106 (hosted by COEHD, COS, UC)
- Jan 30th, 4:30-5:30, JPL 4.04.22B (hosted by COLFA, COB, COE)

Dr. Bonner reminded the senate that faculty leadership fellow program applications are due 2/1/2019 and annual evaluations are due in Digital Measures 2/18/2019.

B. Secretary of the General Faculty – Chris Packham

Dr. Packham said that the next UT System Faculty Advisory Council (SYSFAC) meeting will be held next week. Dr. Packham, Dr. Bonner, and Dr. Mahood plan to attend and an update will be provided at the next senate meeting.

C. Provost – Kimberly Andrews Espy

Dr. Espy said that phase I of the Classroom to Career initiative is wrapping up. A report will be posted in the next few weeks and implementation will follow. She asked that everyone attempt to attend the open forums for the Vice Provost for Academic Innovation as this role is critical to faculty support. Searches for student success and strategic enrollment will begin soon and senators have been confirmed on each of the search committees. The Human Health Planning Advisory Task Force is transitioning to phase II and all three groups will post their reports soon. There will be another round of discussion and presentation of the proposals to the university. SDS and SDCC plans are underway and an architect has been selected. VPBA is also looking to raise funds for the project. Two out of five engagements have been completed for the master plan and a report will be delivered mid-February. A parking and transportation study will also be conducted to begin assessing parking needs relative to the university's growth. UT Health San Antonio is looking for more academic partner programs at UTSA, which is providing an opportunity to partner in health analytics. UTSA will be looking at various opportunities, some of which may include joint hires, new departments, etc.

D. Graduate Council update – Elaine Sanders

Dr. Sanders said that a new Dean of the Graduate School has been named. Dr. Ambika Mathur will begin her role as Dean on February 24th.

A 10-member committee is in place to review graduate councils at peer institutions and consider various options to implement at UTSA.

E. Curriculum Committee – Turgay Korkmaz

Dr. Korkmaz presented three proposals that the curriculum committee reviewed and recommended for approval. After discussion, the faculty senate voted to approve each proposal as follows:

- BS in Multidisciplinary Studies (approved) – 20 yes, 0 no, 15 abstain
- BS in Computer Science, Cyber Operations Track (presented by Brian Davies for Turgay Korkmaz) (approved) – 34 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain

- Certificate Program in Aerospace Engineering (approved) – 35 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

F. College of Business – Gerry Sanders

Dr. Sanders discussed the plans to move the College of Business downtown. He said that a committee had been formed of faculty, staff, and students to address the move, chaired by Dr. Dampier (department of ISCS). The committee is still working to address questions and has been reporting their recommendations to the Dean's office. One of the major factors in the plan to move the college pertains to increased entrepreneurial and financial opportunities downtown. A zip code analysis showed an opportunity for UTSA to better serve graduate students and reach new markets. No decision has been made yet on which departments or programs will be moving and when.

IV. Unfinished Business

The ad hoc subcommittee regarding faculty governance and the plan to move the College of Business to the downtown campus made a motion to conduct this portion of the meeting in executive session. The motion was approved and the senate deliberated in executive session. The following resolutions were voted on and approved as follows:

- A resolution to review plans to relocate the College of Business (approved)
 - Vote – 25 yes, 2 no, 6 abstain
- A resolution on Faculty Governance (approved)
 - Vote – 30 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

The resolutions will be forwarded to the President and Provost.

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 5:05 p.m.