

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING of May 2, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2018-2019 academic year was held May 2, 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: Diane Abdo, Vangie Aguilera, Emily Bonner, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Whitney Chappell, Brian Davies, James Dawes, Glenn Dietrich, Ovidio Giberga, Alexis Godet, Abraham Graber, Jamon Halvaksz, David Hansen, Richard Harris, Kathryn Henderson, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Drew Johnson, Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Melvin Laracey, Dennis Lopez, Chad Mahood, Byongook Moon, Ashok Nedungadi, George Negrete, Sharon Nichols, Debra Pena, Derek Plantenga, Priya Prasad, Elaine Sanders, Raydel Tullous, John Wald, Xiaodu Wang, Karen Williams, John Zarco, Tina Zawacki

Absent: David Bojanic, Ian Caine (excused), James Chambers (excused), Pepe Chang, Langston Clark, Crystal Colombini, Edgar Ghossoub (excused), Turgay Korkmaz (excused), Ram Krishnan (excused), Michael Miller, Chris Packham (excused), Rogelio Palomera-Arias, Branco Ponomariov, Bill Ramos, Devon Romero (excused), Tulio Sulbaran (excused), Liang Tang (excused), David Thompson, Rene Zenteno

Guests: Shannon Heuberger, Matthias Hofferberth, William Land, Heather Shipley, Sarah Soulek

Total members present: 35

Total members absent: 19

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – April 18, 2019
 - Approval of Graduate Council Chair 2019-2020
 - Graduate Catalog proposed changes 2019-2021
 - Dual MBA/MD degree program
 - Election of Standing Committee Members for 2019-2020 (Appendix A)
- All items were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair Report – Emily Bonner

Dr. Bonner welcomed the new senators in attendance that will be beginning their senate term in the fall. She said that there were some last minute items received that need to be voted on by the faculty senate. She asked if the senate would be willing to review some graduate level degree programs and catalog policies (usually on the consent agenda) and undergraduate programs via electronic vote. There was a motion to conduct an online vote, which was seconded and unanimously approved by the senate.

❖ Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs – Dr. Heather Shipley

Dr. Shipley thanked the senators that had been involved in the recent CEO roundtable discussions regarding the College of Business expansion to the downtown campus. Two roundtables have been held so far with 23 businesses in attendance, including Rackspace, Frost Bank, the West SA Chamber of Commerce and more. Last fall, the Classroom to Career Initiative was launched with the goal of providing 75% of undergraduate students with some kind of experiential learning by graduation. Much of the roundtable discussions focused on student engagement through internships and other types of experiential learning, but also the engagement these opportunities could bring to current employees. Preliminary data with institutional enrollment has been gathered, but there is additional data to come, incorporating information for non-traditional students in San Antonio. There are also plans for increased communication to students about experiential learning opportunities through social media, the career center, and other outlets.

❖ Vice President for Business Affairs – Ms. Veronica Mendez

Ms. Mendez thanked the senate for inviting her and compiling a list of questions that she will address in the future. In her first 4 months as Vice President for Business Affairs, Ms. Mendez has been looking at ways to make her area more customer-centric and service value focused. The new IRM budget model will rely heavily on the revenue generating units and expect that service units operate at maximum capacity to keep costs low. Ms. Mendez said that she will be looking at all areas to focus on utilizing systems to their full extent. The search for an AVP for Human Resources is underway and the goal is to find a candidate that will act as a change agent, with a focus on human capital. Ms. Mendez said that the year's budget is not yet finalized due to a pending decision from the legislature (expected this summer). A question was asked about whether inflation adjustments are considered when planning the budget. Ms. Mendez said that they are considered, but the final budget and formula finding is determined by the legislature and that amount is then prioritized by university leadership. A question was asked about expanding or improving Rowdy Exchange. There is a plan to improve the system by negotiating contracts ahead of time and increasing utilization of the mobile app. A question was asked about the timeline of the new budget model. Deans should be sharing their college timelines with departments and budgets are expected in the fall. There will be more discussion about the IRM model in the fall, and Ms. Mendez can provide updates or quarterly reports if needed as well.

B. Graduate Council Chair – Elaine Sanders

The new Graduate School Dean is working to improve efficiency and increase the number of graduate students enrolled. The discussion regarding the restructuring of the Graduate Council has been put on hold for now, with no additional discussion expected until the fall semester or later.

C. Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Structure and Operations – Chad Mahood

Dr. Mahood said that the committee is working on a memo with preliminary recommendations that will be presented for the senate to discuss at this year's retreat.

D. Budget Committee – Chad Mahood

Dr. Mahood said that his committee is looking forward to increased communication with the new VPBA and plans to re-evaluate the list of questions previously presented to her, in order to focus on the senate's priorities.

E. Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee – Abraham Graber

Dr. Graber said that the committee is working on a memo regarding the classroom management and behavioral expectations task group. He made a motion to have an online vote, which was seconded. The senate voted to conduct an online vote as follows: 29 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions

The committee presented proposed revisions to the promotion and tenure appeals process, incorporating the changes they received from senators. There was a motion to approve the changes, which was seconded. The senate voted by secret ballot to approve the committee's proposal as follows: 28 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention. The proposed changes will be sent to Dr. Bonner to forward to the university HOP committee for review.

F. HOP Committee – Glenn Dietrich

Dr. Dietrich presented his committee's revised proposal for a new HOP policy to form a faculty building advisory committee. Although the proposal needs to be reworked to match the HOP policy format, there was a motion (which was seconded) to approve the content of the proposal. The senate voted as follows: 28 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. There was another motion (which was seconded) to conduct an electronic vote once the policy is reformatted. The senate voted as follows: 29 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

G. Nominating, Elections and Procedures Committee – Crystal Kalinec-Craig

- Dr. Kalinec-Craig said that all senate committee and officer positions for next year were approved via the consent calendar, except for the open position of Parliamentarian. Dan Sass was nominated to serve as Parliamentarian. The senate will vote to approve this nomination in September, once it is confirmed that he is able to serve.

H. Research Committee – Jamon Halvaksz

Dr. Halvaksz said that his committee is continuing to look at transparency and F&A.

I. Ad Hoc COB Committee – John Wald

The committee shared their shortened document "synopsis and recommendations from the ad hoc committee on the COB expansion plans" developed from their preliminary report. The document provided background on the topic, reasons for the formation of an ad hoc committee, and recommendations resulting from the ad hoc committee's review. The recommendations contained in the document read:

- "We recommend that final decision regarding COB relocation, major restructuring, or substantial reorganization only be determined after relevant data have been collected and analyzed."
- "We recommend that the ad hoc committee (or a subsequent committee consisting of senators and involved faculty) have the opportunity to be a part of the decision making process".

There was a motion, which was seconded to vote on the committee's synopsis. The senate voted by secret ballot as follows: 18 yes, 5 no, 5 abstentions. The synopsis will be sent to the President and Provost for their review.

J. Curriculum Committee – Turgay Korkmaz

No report.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

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.

Appendix A
2019-2020 Faculty Senate Committees (Approved)

<i>Officers and Executive Committee</i>		
Emily Bonner	Chair	
vacant	Past Faculty Senate Chair	
Chad Mahood	Vice Chair	
Alistair Welchman	Chair, Graduate Council	
Chris Packham	Secretary of the General Faculty	
tbd	Secretary	
tbd	Parliamentarian	
Richard Harris	Chair, Academic Freedom, Evaluation, and Merit Committee	
Chad Mahood	Chair, Budget Committee	
Xiaodu Wang	Chair, HOP Committee	
tbd	Chair, NEP Committee	
Jamon Halvaksz	Chair, FS Research Committee	
Rajendra Boppana	Chair, Curriculum Committee	
<i>Academic Freedom, Evaluation, and Merit Committee</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Richard Harris, CHAIR	T, COPP	8/31/2020
Abraham Graber	TT, COLFA	8/31/2020
Andrew Konove	T, COLFA	8/31/2022
Dan Sass	T, COB	8/31/2021
Devon Romero	T, COEHD	8/31/2020
Drew Johnson	T, COE	8/31/2020
James Chambers	T, COS	8/31/2021
Karen Williams	NTT, COB	8/31/2021
Priya Prasad	TT, COS	8/31/2021
<i>Budget Committee</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Chad Mahood, CHAIR	T, COLFA	8/31/2022
David Bojanic	T, COB	8/31/2020
David Hansen	NTT, COLFA	8/31/2022
Edgar Ghossoub	T, COB	8/31/2020
James Dawes	NTT, CACP	8/31/2020
John Wald	T, COB	8/31/2022
Michael Miller	T, COLFA	8/31/2022
Vangie Aguilera	NTT, COEHD	8/31/2020

Whitney Chappell	T, COLFA	8/31/2020
<i>Nominating, Elections, and Procedures Committee</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Ashok Nedungadi	NTT, COE	8/31/2020
Branco Ponomariov	T, COPP	8/31/2021
Crystal Colombini	TT, COLFA	8/31/2020
Gina Amatangelo	NTT, COPP	8/31/2022
TBD	REGGS, COEHD	8/31/2022
Ovidio Giberga	TT, COLFA	8/31/2021
Sharon Nichols	T, COEHD	8/31/2020
<i>Committee on Handbook of Operating Procedures</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Xiaodu Wang, CHAIR	T, COE	8/31/2020
Curtis Brewer	T, COEHD	8/31/2022
Dennis Lopez	T, COB	8/31/2021
Glenn Dietrich	T, COB	8/31/2020
Matthias Hofferberth	T, COLFA	8/31/2022
Sandeep Langar	TT, CACP	8/31/2022
Dept Chair Council rep		Ex officio
<i>Faculty Senate Research Committee</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Jamon Halvaksz, CHAIR	T, COLFA	8/31/2021
Alexis Godet	T, COS	8/31/2022
Becky Huang	T, COEHD	8/31/2022
Bill Ramos	T, COS	8/31/2022
Ian Caine	TT, CACP	8/31/2021
Mike Doyle	T, COS	8/31/2022
Ram Krishnan	T, COE	8/31/2022
Rene Zenteno	TT, COPP	8/31/2020
Rica Ramirez	TT, COEHD	8/31/2022
Roger Enriquez	T, COPP	8/31/2022
Tina Zawacki	T, COLFA	8/31/2020
Huy Le	T, COB	8/31/2022
<i>University Curriculum Committee</i>		<i>Exp Date:</i>
Rajendra Boppana, CHAIR	T, COS	8/31/2022
Debra Pena	NTT, COLFA	8/31/2021
John Zarco	T, COLFA	8/31/2020
Langston Clark	TT, COEHD	8/31/2020
Liang Tang	T, COE	8/31/2021