**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**Of February 17, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2021-2022 academic year was held February 17, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in Zoom (online meeting) with Dr. Chad Mahood, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

1. Call to order and taking of attendance.

Present: Chad Mahood, Chris Packham, Matthias Hofferberth, Alex Godet, Kimberly Fonzo, Nicole Beebe, Catalina Zarate, Richard LeBaron, Diane Abdo, Gabriela Uribe, Rene Zenteno, Curtis Brewer, Hector Aguilar, Whitney Chappell, John Alexander, Kim Kline, Roger Enriquez, Michael Doyle, Sandeep Langar, John Wald, Marcus Hamilton, Jurgen Engelberth, Sylvia Mansour, Lorenzo B., David Hansen, Dan Hollas, Gus Allo, Zhecho Liu, Kiran Bhaganagar, Rica Ramirez, Candace Christensen, Branco Ponomariov, Lauren Riojas, Raj Boppana, Huy Le, Jeff Prevost, Gina Amatangelo, Josh Thurow, Felicia Castro, Becky Huang, Devon Romero, Richard Gretz, Sonya Aleman, Andrew Lloyd, Drew Johnson, Mary McNaughton-Cassill

Absent: not available

Guests: Kimberly Espy, Heather Shipley, Melinda Utoft, Debra Del Toro, Carlos Martinez, Taylor Eighmy, Veronica Mendez, Lisa Campos, Shanda Hayden, Mike Bazemore, Gregg Michel

Total members present: 58 Total members absent: not available

1. Consent Calendar - No one objected to Consent Agenda

* Approval of minutes – January 20, 2022
* MS Engineering Proposal
* PhD Chemical Engineering Proposal

1. Reports

**Academic Affairs Updates:** Dr. Espy & Heather Shipley

* See PowerPoint Presentation
* Spotlight on doctoral graduates
* UTSA is a leader among R1 HSIs
* Compensation Strategy: faculty wages; compensation strategy next steps

**University Leadership Updates:** Lisa Campos, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics & Gregg Michel, Associate Professor and Chair of Athletics Council

* See PowerPoint Presentation
* Overview of Athletics
* Strategic Destinations: Model for Student Success, Great Public Research University and Strategic Growth and Innovative Excellence
  1. **Chair’s Report: Chad Mahood**
* Announcement of the election for the Secretary of the General Faculty
* Texas Conference of AAUP is March 26, 2022 at 9AM (zoom link in the PowerPoint)
* Need Staff Senate liaison
  1. **Secretary of the General Faculty** – no report
  2. **Graduate Council Chair –** no report
  3. **Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee –** no report
  4. **Budget Committee** – no report
  5. **HOP Committee** – Matthias Hofferberth
* Currently reviewing 3 different policies: HOP 802 – Property Accounting responsibilities; HOP 929 – Institutional Naming of Facilities and Programs; HOP 1010 – Human Research
  1. **Curriculum Committee** – no report
  2. **Research Committee –** Alex Godet
* Update on meeting with Dr. Saygin about how research is happening at UTSA; looking into the plan of action for spring; raised a concern about Post-Award support in their meeting; Dr. Saygin says new accounts should be set up within 8-10 business days.
  1. **Adhoc Governance Committee** – Branco Ponomariov
* Held inaugural meeting; established initial goals and will start meeting regularly to work on first order of business.

1. **Unfinished Business:** Becky Huang shared a memo about department merit for faculty.
2. **Open discussion:**

* Andrew Konove: comment on structure of meetings, would like to shorten the presentations; Chad is working on getting these presentations to 15 minutes each.
* Marcus Hamilton shared the same concerns about faculty senate business that might not be attended to due to long presentations and not enough time in meetings to discuss faculty related issues.
* Chad Mahood: should we go back to f2f/hybrid meeting? Electronic survey to be created to send out to the faculty senators to vote.

1. **New Business:** Mary McNaughton- Cassill -University Wellbeing Committee has a spin off group that will work on initiatives for the whole campus; will be offering Mental Health First aid training and Compassion Fatigue sessions for faculty. Must go through Associate Deans in your college.
2. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:07 PM