**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**Of May 5, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2021-2022 academic year was held May 5, 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, Alex Godet, Matthias Hofferberth, Jurgen Engelberth, Rene Zenteno, Curtis Brewer, Diane Abdo, John Wald, Richard LeBaron, Whitney Chappell, James Chambers, Drew Johnson, Kim Kline, Marcus Hamilton, Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Joycelyn Moody, Roger Enriquez, Andrew Konove, Catalina Zarate, Victor De Oliveira, Zenong Yin, John Alexander, Lauren Riojas-Fitzpatrick, Ashwin Malshe, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Sylvia Mansour, Jeff Prevost, Tianou Zhang, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Gokhman, Branco Ponomariov, Humberto Saenz, Dan Hollas, Michael Doyle, Rica Ramirez, Rajendra Boppana, Felicia Castro, Candace Christiansen, Sonya Aleman, Dennis Lopez, Brain Laub, Kiran Bhaganagar, Devon Romero, Becky Huang, Nicole Beebe

Absent: not available

Guests: Melinda Utoft, Debra Del Toro, Kimberly Espy, Heather Shipley, Tammy Wyatt, Amy Buechler-Steubing, Kevin Price, Natasha Burns, Jourdan Howell, Kerry Sinanan

Total members present: 59 Total members absent: not available

1. Consent Calendar - No one objected to Consent Agenda

• Approval of minutes – April 7, 2022

• Elect Secretary: Mary McNaughton-Cassill

• Elect Parliamentarian: Curtis Brewer

• Approve Undergraduate Catalog (shared at April Meeting)

• Grad Council Items:

M.S. in Health, Community, and Policy

M.S. in Kinesiology

1. Reports

**Academic Affairs Updates:** Provost Kimberly Espy & Sr. Vice Provost, Heather Shipley

* See PowerPoint Presentation
* Commencement Weekend – May 12-15, 2022

2 Ceremonies**:** 10AM for COLFA, COS and HCaP; 4PM for ACOB, COEHD, KCEID and University College

* Summer 2022: student schedule sign-up is open; Faculty can take advantage of the professional development opportunities from Academic Innovation.
* Fall 2022 schedule sign-up is open

**University Leadership Updates:**

* Student Success Updates: Dr. Tammy Wyatt and Amy Buechler-Steubing

- *Strategic Partners*: Strategic Enrollment, Academic Innovation, Career-Engaged Learning, Student Affairs, Athletics, Honors College, Student Success Centers in the Academic Colleges, Special Interest Housing options (LLCs/FIGs).

- Student Success Hub and Spoke Model overview

- Illume: Data-Informed Actions

- Bold Promise Bold Career Residential Scholar Pilot

* Campus Services Updates: Kevin Price

- Dining Renovations Objectives overview

- JPL Food Court updates

- Freshens Fresh Food Studio

-Student Union and Roadrunner Café Dining updates

- Faculty/Staff meal plans

* 1. **Chair’s Report -** Chad Mahood
* See PowerPoint Presentation
* Texas Council of Faculty Senates (TCFS), April 8thand 9th

- February 22nd: TCFS Exec Committee released a statement

-Voted to update it based in Texas Senate Interim Committee Charges

-Texas Association of College Teachers (TACT) reminded TCFS that membership offers Educator’s Professional Liability Insurance

* UT System FAC Exec Committee Statement on Tenure
  1. **Secretary of the General Faculty** – Chris Packham
* FAC meeting report back; enrollment remains strong at UTSA but that is not the case across all the UT System schools; UTSA received the merit increases but not all UT campuses did.
* There is a FAC Research subcommittee. Chris Packham is currently Chairing this subcommittee; FAC Research feels that they are not as connected to UT System as the universities are connected so a key goal is to connect more with the other campuses from the research side; wants to seek funding from the UT System. The subcommittee will talk to the Executive Vice Chancellor to seek funding for a Symposium (SEED Funding).
* Faculty Senate Retreat schedule for Wednesday, August 17, 2022 in the JPL Assembly Room.
  1. **Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee –** no report
  2. **Graduate Council Chair –** no report
  3. **Budget Committee** – no report
  4. **HOP Committee** – no report
  5. **Curriculum Committee** – no report
  6. **Research Committee –** Alex Godet
* The committee met with John Saygin to discuss Pre-Award and Post-Award issues; Dr. Saygin reported that all positions in Research have been filled, therefore the process is going well.
* The Research Committee feels like it still is not going as well as it should so they would like to provide a 1-page to VPREDKE, offering the version what UTSA faculty are experiencing and how it can improve.
  1. **Ad hoc Governance Committee** – Branco Ponomariov
* Committee proposed new language in the HOP; prepared a memo that specifies the function and composition of the committee and is now ready to be discussed by faculty senate. The action that would be taken from the memo is to create a new committee that would help oversee the new buildings that get built on campus which is recommended by the UT System. Currently, the HOP is ambiguous when it comes to the information about such committee or process, so the forming of this committee would help clarify and streamline the HOP.

There was a vote on the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance – Building Committee Memo

***The Faculty Senate voted as follows:***

**Approve: 39; Disapprove: 0; Abstain: 1**

* 1. **Ad hoc Revised Academic Freedom Statement Committee** – Joycelyn Moody
* Joycelyn presented the memo and stated the committee had 3 issues it was to cover within the memo: Critical Race Theory, FTT faculty and Graduate Student Instructors and Sexuality Studies. The purpose was to add to the original statement that was created by the AFEM Committee.

There was a vote to go into Closed Executive Session.

***The Faculty Senate voted as follows on going into closed Executive Session:***

**Approve: 32; Disapprove: 2; Abstain: 1**

At 4:44PM the closed Faculty Senate Executive Session began.

At 5:05PM the closed Faculty Senate Executive Session ended.

There was an electronic vote on the Revised Academic Freedom Statement.

***The Faculty Senate voted as follows:***

**Approve: 31; Disapprove: 13; Abstain: 2**

1. **Unfinished Business:**
2. **Open discussion:** Thank you, Chad for being a great Faculty Senate Chair!
3. **New Business:**
4. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:46 PM