# UTSA FACULTY SENATE NEWSLETTER

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## Spring Forward

On February 28, 2019, we had our sixth meeting and heard from the Senate Chair (Dr. Emily Bonner), chairs of the Faculty Senate Committees, and various guests.

### Passed Consent Agenda Items

Graduate certificate in Intelligence Studies and MS in Community and Behavioral Health

### New Ad Hoc Committee

An ad hoc committee is being formed to address the senate's structure and operations and to brainstorm ways to improve the senate's functionality. Dr. Chad Mahood will be facilitating the formation of the committee, which will look at topics such as the senate's committee structure and interaction with administration, the role of the senate, and how to best support its' progress.

### Need Participation

Please contact Dr. John Wald and/or Dr. Crystal Kalinec-Craig if you are interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee for the College of Business Relocation Plans (approval of any future members will be made electronically).

### Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee Updates

The committee is considering a new appeals track for tenure denial regarding issues of process and gathering information from EOS regarding the procedures that govern their processes.

### Budget Committee/SYSFAC Update:

Dr. Mahood said that questions may be sent to him to share with the new VPBA. The committee will explore whether additional dialog is needed with her after her upcoming visit to senate. He attended the last SYSFAC meeting where the council was introduced to the new Chancellor, James Milliken. The major topic discussed was potential faculty

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## Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Emily Bonner, Faculty Senate Chair
Chris Packham, Secretary of General Faculty

Chad Mahood, Vice Chair and Chair of Budget Committee

Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Chair of Nominations, Elections, and Procedures Committee and Secretary

Abraham Graber, Chair of Academic Freedom Committee

Turgay Korkmaz, Chair of Curriculum Committee

Glenn Dietrich, Chair of Handbook of Operating Procedures Committee

Jamon Halvaksz, Chair of Research Committee

Diane Abdo, ADTS Rep

Elaine Sanders, Graduate Council Chair

The purpose of the newsletter is to communicate updates from the Faculty Senate and to encourage faculty participation in the spirit of shared governance and the success of UTSA students, faculty, and staff.

This newsletter is based on the detailed notes from **Sarah Soulek**, Administrative Analyst from the office of the Provost. The Senate is grateful for her continued support to success of Faculty Senate and UTSA.

support for the Chicago/Princeton Statement on Free Speech. The SYSFAC Academic Affairs committee drafted a letter reemphasizing why the Statement cannot be fully endorsed, as it written to legally protect universities rather than protect the free speech of faculty, staff, and students. The Academic Affairs committee also drafted a letter of support for Faculty Senates and finalized documentation supporting NTTs.

### HOP Committee Updates

The committee discussed the recent senate resolutions regarding the College of Business relocation and faculty governance. The committee will review the proposed HOP changes soon and examples of language from other UT schools has been posted to SharePoint for reference.

### Nominating, Elections and Procedures Committee Updates

Dr. Kalinec-Craig said that information regarding senate nominations has been sent out to relevant departments. Departments who have senators with expiring terms will need to conduct elections for a new senator.

### Research Committee Updates

Dr. Halvaksz said that the committee is working to get more communication regarding F&A transparency.

### New appointments

- Lisa Montoya, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives

- David Silva, Dean of the College of Sciences

- Gordon Taylor, Vice Provost for Academic Finance and Administration

- Ambika Mathur, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School

### Human Health Planning Initiative Update

Dr. Espy shared some updates on the Human Health Planning Initiative, which launched in November 2018. The three subcommittees (Internal Landscape, External Outreach, and Best Practices) have shared their recommendations and the Phase I report is now posted online. The subcommittees will be reshuffled and begin Phase II to draft their recommendations regarding structure. Campus and community forums will be held later this spring. For more information, visit: bit.ly/utsahumanhealth or email

healthtaskforce@utsa.edu. Dr. Espy also shared that the task force report is posted for the Classroom to Career Initiative (launched in September 2018). Phase I data has been compiled and a campus-wide Qualtrics survey has been conducted. Next steps are to build a team to implement these recommendations, and continue outreach to campus faculty, staff, and students, as well as community partners, to identify opportunities and seek input. For more information, visit: bit.ly/utsaclassroomtocareer

## *Strategic Faculty Hiring Initiative*

The Strategic Faculty Hiring Initiative was launched January 2019 and includes the following components:

- Clustered & Connected Hiring Program – CCP

- Advancing Academic Excellence through Accelerating Faculty Diversity Hiring Program (FDP)

- Dual Career Academic Partners Hiring Program (DCP)

- Advancing Academic Excellence through Accelerated Hiring of Nationally Recognized Faculty Program (NRP)

- Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP)

For more information, visit: bit.ly/utsafacultyhiring or email provost@utsa.edu.

## *Vice President for Inclusive Excellence: Dr. Myron Anderson*

Dr. Anderson hopes to act as a conduit among university stakeholders and plans to form an inclusive excellence advisory board. He encouraged the senate to share their ideas regarding potential members. Dr. Anderson said that he is hosting multiple open forum sessions soon and encouraged everyone to attend.



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