I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Alberto Arroyo, Matt DeLeon, Mansour El-Kikhia, Marjie French, Robert Garza, Krisellen Maloney, Patricia Morehead, Goutham Menon, Sandy Norman, Harrison Pierce, Ricardo Romo, Alan Shoho, Betty Travis, Suzette Vallejo, Deanna White, Venetta Williams

Absent: Thomas Forsthuber, John Frederick (excused), Robert Garza (excused), Daniel Gelo (excused), Christina Gomez (excused), Robert Gracy (excused), Kerry Kennedy, Anne Macintosh-Speights (excused), John McCray, Gage Paine, Anne Reamy, Shirley Rowe (excused), Irina Solovyova (excused), Jude Valdez (excused)

Guests: Ashley Diaz, Paul Carter

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

II. Reports

A. Secretary – Dr. Sandy Norman

Sandy Norman welcomed all new and returning members to the first meeting of the year. He gave a brief overview of the University Assembly and its mission.

Dr. Norman announced that the University Assembly needs to elect a Parliamentarian. Patricia Morehead volunteered and agreed to serve as the University Assembly Parliamentarian.

B. Chair of the Faculty Senate – Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia

Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia gave a brief update on the Faculty Senate. He mentioned the new process whereby all syllabi will be available online. He also mentioned the tremendous growth in faculty at UTSA.
C. President- Dr. Ricardo Romo

President Romo reported on the visit from UT Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa. The Chancellor has appointed a committee of five people to study a possible merger between UTSA and UTHSC-SA. The Chair of the committee will be Peter Flaum. President Romo expressed how impressed Dr. Cigarroa is with UTSA and the importance of our campus.

President Romo gave an update on the enrollment status. There has been a greater increase in enrollment, but our goal is to be at 30,000 students. Currently UTSA is at approximately 29,100 students. UTSA is in a deficit on classroom space.

President Romo reported that the recession has not impacted our University like some Universities. The student-faculty ratio is 24 to 1, and our goal is to be at 20 to 1. More faculty members are needed, but funds are lacking. The increase in our budget was nearly 8% this year.

President Romo reported that we have a great relationship with UT-Austin. A number of freshmen who attend UTSA the first year of college transfer to UT as a part of the CAP program. We would like to see more students to continue here at UTSA rather than transfer out to UT-Austin.

President Romo reported on the housing plan. Gage Paine has formed a new committee for this housing plan. There will not be any plans to start building until about 2018.

D. Chair of the Staff Council- Robert Garza

Mr. Robert Garza gave a brief report on Staff Council. He announced that the Human Resources website has been updated with employee discounts to a variety of businesses.

E. Student Government President – Mr. Matt DeLeon

Matt DeLeon reported on Student Government Association. He wants SGA to become more known throughout campus and for students to show more school spirit and become more traditional.

Matt stated that he would like to host an event at UTSA to promote Student Government and get students, alumni and San Antonio residents involved.

He reported that there have been approximately 76,000 students who have graduated from UTSA. There have been 38,000 students who have graduated from UTSA under President Romo.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was none.
V. New Business

A. Head Football Coach, Larry Coker and Director of Athletics, Lynn Hickey

President Romo introduced the Director of Athletics, Ms. Lynn Hickey.

Ms. Lynn Hickey explained that the athletic plan is not just an athletic plan. The President wants to do it the right way. Academics need to be in sync with the mission we have for UTSA. She stated that Coach Coker has had tremendous experience at many other universities. He is outstanding, and has won many National Championships in his years.

Ms. Hickey stated that the first recruitment will be held in February, then practice will go on for a year and the second recruitment will be held a year later. Students who are on the team will be living on campus. Coach Coker wants great men with character on the team.

Ms. Hickey announced that everyone needs to be involved not only in UTSA football, but also in other sports on campus as well. There are 16 other sports on campus that need to be supported.

Ms. Hickey introduced Coach Larry Coker.

Coach Larry Coker expressed how San Antonio and UTSA are great places. He wants the football team to be a major part of UTSA as a whole. There have been two football camps so far and 13 commitments made by young men. The majority of the recruits are from San Antonio. Three scholarships have been offered to 3 young men from the Valley [South Texas].

Coach Coker announced that he was recently interviewed by the New York Times. There will be an article in the New York Times about UTSA and Larry Coker. The publicity is a good thing for UTSA.

He stated that the first football game will be held September 2011. Coach Coker has a big vision for this football team, but there are several requirements that need to be met. Everyone needs to be patient and stick together during this process. His expectation is to fill the entire Alamodome during the first UTSA football game.

VI. Questions to the President/Provost

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.