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Chair's Report

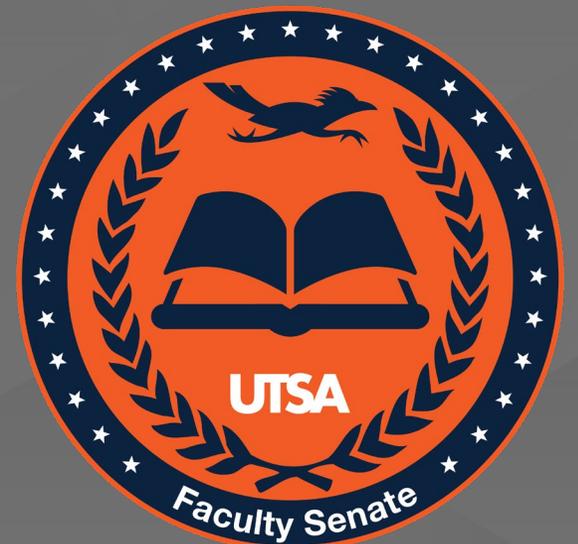
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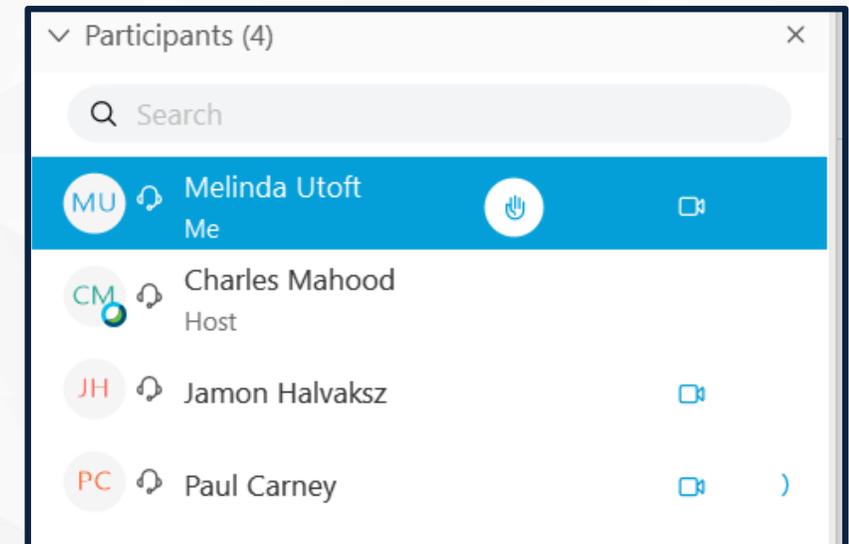
April 23, 2020



WELCOME

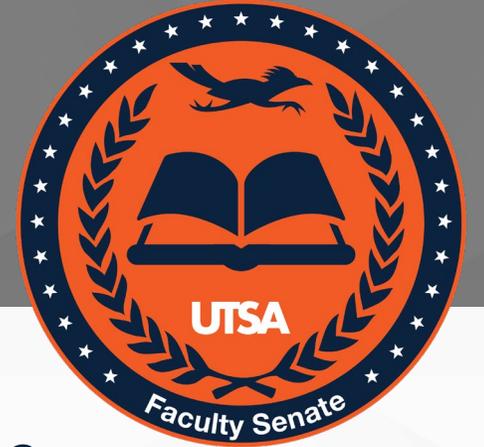


- We follow Roberts Rules so please wait to be recognized by the Faculty Senate Chair (or lead Administrative Assistant)
 - Please use the hand-raise button and wait to be recognized
- Consent Agenda
- Welcome guests



FACULTY SENATE CHAIR

ELECTRONIC VOTING



- Current Senate By-laws state that “Voting may be conducted electronically at the discretion of the Chair of the Faculty Senate” unless “a minimum of five senators vote against the electronic voting procedure”
- I propose that, on a case by case basis, if a vote is called and seconded that it be moved to an email vote with a set deadline (provided fewer than five Senators object)
- This way Senators unavailable for a live vote (due to life/family circumstances) can still have a vote

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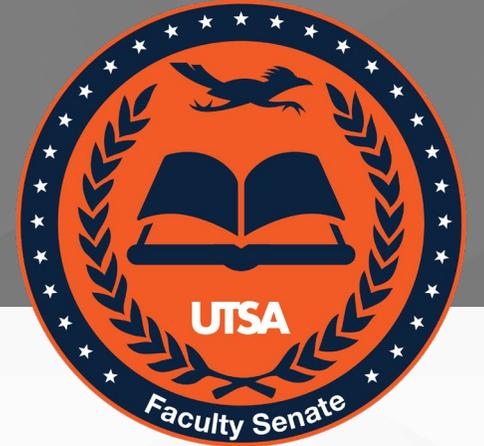
UPDATES



- Secretary of the General Faculty election
 - Nomination deadline was April 22nd
- May elections: Vice-Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian
- Majority of Senators favor P&T “opt out” where faculty expect this academic year (2019-2020) not to count but have the option to be reviewed if they choose (see comments online)
- Response from Provost on the Summer Pay Memo
- +/- grading will be discussed during AFEM Report

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR

POSSIBLE BY-LAW CHANGE FOR ELECTRONIC VOTE



- The Vice-Chair is elected from among the voting members of the Faculty Senate, and remains a voting representative of his/her academic unit. In alternating years, a Chair-Elect will be elected from the Senate at the April meeting. For the subsequent one year period, the Chair-Elect will also serve as Vice Chair, and will eventually assume the role of Chair. If the Chair is re-elected for a second term at this time, there is no Chair-Elect for an additional two years (the Vice Chair position remains intact). If the Chair is unable to complete his or her term of office, then the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect will assume the Chair's duties for either the remainder of the Vice-Chair's term of office, or the remainder of the Chair-Elect's term of office and term of the Chair. In these cases his or her academic unit will be directed to elect an alternate for the remainder of his or her term as Faculty Senator. A new Chair of the Faculty Senate will be elected, if necessary, at the next scheduled election. The Vice-Chair may serve no more than four consecutive terms; however, multiple, non-consecutive terms are allowed. Additionally, the Chair and immediate Past Chair are not eligible for the position of Vice-Chair. The Secretary of the General Faculty is eligible to serve as Vice-Chair so long as the terms of office for the two positions will not overlap. ~~The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect serves as chair of the Budget Committee.~~ If there are no Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect nominations, a member of the Executive Committee will be appointed to the position.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES



- Monthly:
 - University Leadership Council
 - Joint President's Cabinet and University Leadership Council
 - Space and Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC)
- Occasionally:
 - UT System Faculty Advisory Council (SYSFAC)
 - University HOP Committee