

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of January 23, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2019-2020 academic year was held January 23, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22) with Dr. Chad Mahood, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Diane Abdo, Samson Alva, Paul Ardoin, Rajendra Boppana, Ian Caine, James Chambers, Langston Clark, Glenn Dietrich, Roger Enriquez, Ovidio Giberga, Alexis Godet, Richard Harris, Matthias Hofferberth, Becky Huang, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Dennis Lopez, Chad Mahood, Michael Miller, Ashok Nedungadi, Priya Prasad, Whitney Chappell, Nathan Richardson, Elaine Sanders, Dan Sass, John Wald, Karen Williams, John Zarco, Tina Zawacki, Rene Zenteno, Sharon Nichols

Absent: Vangie Aguilera, Sonya Aleman, Gina Amatangelo, Sabina Bhattathiry-Kapoor, David Bojanic, Emily Bonner, Lorenzo Brancaleon (excused), Curtis Brewer, James Dawes, Mike Doyle, Abraham Graber, David Hansen, Jamon Halvaksz (excused), Drew Johnson, Kim Kline, Andrew Konove, Ram Krishnan, Sandeep Langar, Huy Le, Ashok Nedungadi, Chris Packham (excused), Debra Pena, Branco Ponomariov, Rica Ramirez, Bill Ramos, Devon Romero (excused), Liang Tang, Xiaodu Wang

Guests: Breanna Luera (Paisano), Rudy Sanchez (Paisano), Sarah Soulek, Melinda Utoft

Total members present: 30

Total members absent: 29

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – December 5, 2019
- The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

Dr. Espy:

- UTSA graduated 7000 students in 2019.
- Updated on University Leadership Council by Chad Mahood: updated on campus resources; Joint Leadership Council: update on tuition fees; NTT faculty not getting enough pay; more physical space is needed around campus.
- HCaP is effectively LIVE. Logistics still need to be worked out.
- Update on Dean searches: COLFA Dean candidates are in process. HCaP candidates will be on campus starting February 3, 2020.
- Business round table: How can the university engage? Promotion & Tenure processes; wellbeing initiative released; increasing faculty fellows.

- Judy Verdon from Academic Affairs announces faculty development opportunity offered by UT System. Accepting 32 participants; begins March 30, 2020; faculty need to fill out applications and submit by February 15, 2020.
- Update on COEHD breakfast: working on technology options for host meetings, etc. among other topics.

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- Update on all projects
- New IT Project Managers hired recently
- Website: Organizational Track, org chart, all space management, IT projects
- KPI oriented, not changing; view on UTSA Strategic Initiatives.

Bernard Arulanandam/Arya Singh

- Academic Analytics presentation (slideshow)

Chad Mahood

- Discussion on where Faculty Senate has been in the past year and what is has accomplished (slideshow)

Cie Gee

- QEP Career Fuel – Fall 2020 Launch; 3 areas of experiential learning: internships, community engaged learning and undergraduate research
- Collaboration with other colleagues across campus
- Goal: expand opportunities, develop experiential learning cultures and support for students.
- Cie Gee welcomes and feedback on this program

A. Curriculum Committee – Rajendra Boppna

No report.

B. Graduate Council Chair – Elaine Sanders

Elaine Sanders is interim chair; starting to work on the 2021-2023 course catalogue, thinking about changes and cleaning up bylaws.

C. Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee – Richard Harris

Committee is progressing. Recent change in course scheduling, academic freedom issue or not and compliance training issue.

D. Budget Committee – John Wald

Plan to meet with VPBA representative soon.

E. HOP Committee – Glenn Dietrich

No report

F. Research Committee – Jamon Halvaksz

No report.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business: On January 31st the finalists for vendors in Dining Services will be on campus.

VI. Open Forum

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 4:42 p.m.