THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
of March 26, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2019-2020 academic year was held March 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Webex (online meeting) with Dr. Chad Mahood, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Abraham Graber, Alexis Godet, Andrew Konove, Becky Huang, Branco Ponomariov, Chad Mahood, Curtis Brewer, Daniel Sass, David Bojanic, Debra Pena, Dennis Lopez, Devon Romero, Diane Abdo, Drew Johnson, Emily Bonner,Gina Amatangelo, Glenn Dietrich, Huy Le, Ian Caine, Jamon Halvaksz, Jeffrey Hutchinson, John Wald, John Zarco, Langston Clark, Liang Tang, Matthias Hofferberth, Michael Doyle, Ovidio Giberga, Paul Ardoin, Priya Prasad, Rajendra Boppana, Rene Zenteno, Rica Ramirez, Richard J Harris, Roger Enriquez, Samson Alva, Jeff Prevost, Sandeep Langar, Sonya Aleman, Vangie Aguilera, William Ramos, Whitney Chappell, Sharon Nichols, Elaine Sanders, Ying Huang, William Land, Kiran Bhaganagar

Absent: not available

Guests: Heather Shipley, Melinda Utoft, Melissa Vito, Veronica Mendez

Total members present: 37   Total members absent: not available

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – February 20, 2020
- The minutes were approved.
- Grad Council Proposals

III. Reports
   Melissa Vito
- Academic Innovation: updated on online teaching, faculty trainings, identifying points of contact in all colleges; identified Blackboard as LMS for faculty and students. Email address: academicinnovation@utsa.edu
   Veronica Mendez
- Staff is 100% telecommuting. Additional need for staff training. Still have a population of students that are living on campus.
   Heather Shipley
- Comment on research and service for faculty; reached out to faculty going up for promotion and tenure. More information will be coming from Academic Affairs and senior leadership; include all conferences that you were planning to attend but got cancelled due to the Corona Virus on your CV with caveat accepted but not delivered; also include all of your courses that you had to create as an online class on your CV.

Heather or Academic Innovations will be reaching out to faculty champions regarding additional remote/online training for individual colleges/departments.

- New COLFA Dean announced; HCaP and School of Data Science search is ongoing. Integrated Design Initiative was announced and will be led by Dean JoAnn Browning.

Chair's Report: Chad Mahood
- Overview on Electronic Voting; see Faculty Senate Chair's report
- ADTS Chair, Valerie Sponsel discussed modifications to HOP 2.02 and 2.50 regarding recommended changes to NTT titles and promotion processes. Faculty Senate to review before going onto the HOP committee.
- Pass/Fail Grading options Memo; voted on by the Faculty Senate electronically on March 26th. PASS/FAIL VOTE: **The Faculty Senate voted as follows: Option A – 21, Option B – 30, Option C – 1, Option D – 0**
- Suspending student evaluations for this semester; there is not a final decision yet on final exams for students

A. Curriculum Committee – no report

B. Graduate Council Chair – no report

C. Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee
- Ballot posted on SharePoint for grading system; Chad is suggested tabling the vote until April or May on +/- grading.

D. Budget Committee
- 2 memos: Summer Pay – voting electronically; Memo to Dr. Eighmy to gain access to University budget information (continued from December Faculty Senate meeting).

E. HOP Committee – no report

F. Research Committee – no report

IV.   Open discussion: memo discussion on how to conduct final exams.
V.   New Business: none.
VI.   Adjournment:
There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 3:54 PM