

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING of April 23, 2020

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

- I. Call to order and taking of attendance; a motion was made to go into closed session by vote. Meeting was moved to Executive Session. **The Faculty Senate voted as follows: Approvals: 29, Extensions: 6, Abstain: 3**

Present: Vangie Aguilera, Whitney Chappell, Sonya Aleman, Tina Zawacki, Samson Alva, Sandeep Langar, Sharon Nichols, Rica Ramirez, Richard Harris, Roger Enriguez, Kiran Bhaganagar, Raj Boppana, Rene Zenteno, Ovidio Giberga, Paul Ardoin, Priya Prasad, Nathan Richardson, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Mary Diaz, Matthias Hofferberth, Michael Doyle, Karl Lugo, Kim Kline, Langston Clark, Liang Tang, James Dawes, Jeff Prevost, John Wald, John Zarco, Karen Williams, Ian Caine, James Chambers, Jamon Halvaksz, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Gina Amatangelo, Glenn Dietrich, Huy Le, Dennis Lopez, Devon Romero, Diane Abdo, Drew Johnson, Emily Bonner, Curtis Brewer, Dan Sass, David Bojanic, Debra Pena, Dennis Lopez, Branco Ponomariov, Chad Mahood, Chris Packham, Curtis Brewer, Abraham Graber, Alexis Godet, Andrew Konove, Becky Huang, Sabina Kapoor

Absent: not available

Guests: Bernard Arulanandam, Kimberly Espy, Heather Shipley, Melinda Utoft, Tom Tunstall, Veronica Mendez, Taylor Eighmy, Roel Ramos, Angela Griffith

Total members present: 56 Total members absent: not available

- II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – March 26, 2020
- No one objected to Consent Agenda

- III. Reports

Taylor Eighmy

- IRM updates, budget submission to System office by mid-June for submittal to State; rapidly moving situation; uncertainty in revenue streams. Decreased enrollment projected with serious budget cutbacks. Reinforced that every Texas higher education institution facing the same situation. To insure UTSA viability serious budget cutbacks will be affected for 21, 22, and 23. Must plan ahead for losses. ; strategic plan will be paused. Must prepare for losses. Entering a “counting year,” which looks at the next two semesters. Merit increases paused. Issuing a memo to the community that will include everything talked about in this leadership meeting.

Kimberly Espy

- Faculty have adapted well to the online learning platform; Fall 2020: how to implement public health protections, or we might be fully online – build online inventory depending on what is going on. Current online inventory on books = 1200 with need to add additional 700. Considering many possible scenarios for Fall including, semester timing shift, staggered schedules, classroom sizes (i.e. students per class), and open on time.
- Operational plan: setting up 2 tactical teams: staff and senate reps, chairs reps; undergrad and graduate team; goal is to have an announcement out in June or July to be able to forecast what to do in the fall.
- Summer registration at 99% of last year's enrollment. Fall registration opened March 27th. Enrollment stats will not be available until end of April.

Veronica Mendez

- Budget planning, auxiliary services taken a hit; March shows \$14.6 million in expenses (housing, dining, returned money to students, parking, etc). Fall planning includes reduction scenarios of 7.5%, 10%, & 15% revenue reductions from all funds. Budget planning for individual colleges begins next week. V.P.'s, Deans, and Chairs will meet next week to begin budget planning. Each college to develop its own budget plan. Key is reduction of expenses through 2020 and into 3-year pause. Individual college budget plans due May 12th.

Tom Tunstall

- Presentation on economic impact due to Covid-19 (see slides)

Chair's Report: Chad Mahood

- Current senate By-laws about voting and electronic voting
- Faculty Senate elections in May
- Committee updates from monthly meetings that Faculty Senate Chair attends
- Vote for affirmation: Chris Packham as Secretary of the General Faculty

**** The Faculty Senate agenda was not fully executed after University Leadership presentations.**

- A. Curriculum Committee – degree proposal for Bachelor of Science in Industrial and System Engineering. **The Faculty Senate voted as follows:** Approve – 38; Do Not Approve – 1; Abstain - 4
 - B. Graduate Council Chair – no report
 - C. Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee – no report
 - D. Budget Committee – no report
 - E. HOP Committee – no report
 - F. Research Committee – no report
- IV. Open discussion
- V. New Business: none.
- VI. Adjournment:
There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:59PM