

# UTSA FACULTY SENATE NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Holidays and Welcome Back

On December 6, 2018 and January 24, 2019, we had our fourth and fifth meeting respectively. During the December and January meetings we heard from the Senate Chair (Dr. Emily Bonner), Secretary of the General Faculty (Dr. Chris Packham), Curriculum Committee Chair (Dr. Sakiko Oyama and Dr. Turgay Korkmaz), Chair of Graduate Council (Dr. Elaine Sanders) and Drs. John Wald and Dean Gerry Sanders (College of Business).



### *Undergraduate Certificate in Community Engaged Leadership*

The 15-credit hour certificate incorporates one new course (UCS 4013 UTSA Advanced Engagement) and requires participation in at least one civic engagement summit or undergraduate research. The certificate would integrate student's coursework with experiential learning opportunities, increase competitiveness for internships and job opportunities, and align with the President's Classroom to Career initiative. The committee recommended that the senate approve the proposal. The senate voted to approve the committee's recommendation.

### *Curriculum Committee Update: Degrees and Certificates*

The Faculty Senate reviewed and passed the following proposals for new programs: PhD of Philosophy Degree in Applied Demography; MS in Demography; BS in Multidisciplinary Studies; BS in Computer Science, Cyber



## Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Emily Bonner, Faculty Senate Chair

Chris Packham, Secretary of General Faculty

Chad Mahood, Vice Chair and Chair of Budget Committee

Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Chair of Nominations, Elections, and Procedures Committee and Secretary

Raydel Tullous, Parliamentarian

James Chambers, Chair of Academic Freedom Committee

Turgay Korkmaz, Chair of Curriculum Committee

Glenn Dietrich, Chair of Handbook of Operating Procedures Committee

Jamon Halvaksz, Chair of Research Committee

Diane Abdo, ADTS Rep

Elaine Sanders, Graduate Council Chair

The purpose of the newsletter is to communicate updates from the Faculty Senate and to encourage faculty participation in the spirit of shared governance and the success of UTSA students, faculty, and staff.

This newsletter is written in conjunction with the detailed notes from **Sarah Soulek**, Administrative Analyst from the office of the Provost. The Senate is grateful for her continued support to success of Faculty Senate and UTSA.



Operations Track; and Certificate Program in Aerospace Engineering.

### *Faculty Input on Restructuring of Graduate Council*

The Graduate Council has a new Dean: Dr. Ambika Mathur who comes from Wayne State in the Department of Pediatrics. The Graduate School conducted an initial review that examined the structure and purpose of the committee. The Senate Executive Committee opted to draft a resolution regarding faculty governance regarding this review, which was planned to form a committee December 31st to address any proposed restructuring suggestions. A rough draft of the committee's recommendation will be presented at the February Graduate Council meeting, with a final draft due by March 1st. The Graduate Council Restructuring Committee is filled with 10 members, two of whom are from Faculty Senate. The Council is grateful for their participation and insights.

### *Passed Faculty Senate Resolutions:*

In both December and January, the Faculty Senate discussed concerns initiated by faculty members from the College of Business regarding the recent initiative to relocate the college to the downtown campus. Members of the Faculty Senate then created an ad hoc committee to discuss, revise, and vote on the resolutions in the full senate. In January, Dean Gerry Sanders and Provost Epsy discussed the proposed plans with the Faculty Senate and how the College of Business may better serve both campuses and the community. The sections below describe the conclusion to the three passed resolutions regarding faculty input, faculty shared governance, and the issue regarding the relocation of the College of Business:

#### *Resolution 1: A Resolution to Increase Faculty Input on Major Administrative Initiatives (passed December 2018)*

Faculty Senate recommends that the Committee on Handbook of Operating Procedures propose revisions to the HOP that ensure appropriate faculty oversight regarding major administrative initiatives related to

academic success and welfare or student life and activities, to be discussed by the full Faculty Senate no later than the Senate's March 2019 meeting.

**Resolution 2: *A Resolution on Faculty Governance* (Passed January 2019)**

The Faculty Senate shall provide a forum for conducting a review of any administrative plans that may have significant impact on general academic policies, faculty welfare, and/or student life and activities. This review will culminate in a vote regarding the plans, and the vote will be disseminated to the appropriate members of the administration.

**Resolution (3): *A Resolution to Review Plans to Relocate the College of Business* (passed January 2019)**

(i) The Faculty Senate will create an ad hoc committee to initiate a review of the plans to relocate the College of Business to the downtown campus. Members of UTSA's upper-administration, representatives from departments in the College of Business, and other relevant stakeholders (identified by the specially formed ad-hoc committee) will be invited to participate in the discussions.

(ii) This review will culminate in a report to the Faculty Senate for their vote on any recommendations or resolutions presented in the report. The results of the vote together with the report will be submitted to the appropriate members of the administration.

Please ask your senator for the full resolution and input you might have to give regarding the contents and the proposed plans.