Leadership Report: Academic Affairs

PROVOST KIMBERLY ESPY & SENIOR VICE PROVOST OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS HEATHER SHIPLEY

- New faculty title series created to clear career paths for fixed-term faculty.
- Updates from the summer programs
- Welcomed new faculty to campus
- Strategic compensation plan
- Mandatory COVID-19 Testing Program: effective September 13, 2021 for all UTSA students, faculty and staff.
- Discussion on COVID / return to campus – refer to Roadrunner Road Map

Q&A

Where can students find answers to their return to campus questions?
Most questions can be answered by visiting the Roadrunner Roadmap.

Where should students be referred for questions relating to a reluctance to return due to their health or health of someone in their household?
Students should contact UTSA Ombuds Services at (210) 458-4985 or studentombuds@utsa.edu to explore options.

University Leadership Updates

CARLOS MARTINEZ, SR. VP FOR INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING, COMPLIANCE RISK MANAGEMENT, AND OFFICE OPERATIONS AND CHIEF OF STAFF & JASON HASSAY ASSOCIATE VP FOR STATE RELATIONS

House Bill 1927: effective September 1

Q&A

What impact does that have on campuses?
It has little to no effect. The President implemented the policy for concealed carry a few years ago, therefore, there is not much change.

How will it be enforced?
UTSA PD has received training on de-escalation techniques. It is a University Police issue to address.
Outdoor Learning Environments (OLÉ)

When reserving an Outdoor Learning Environment location, you can reconfigure the modular furniture to accommodate your needs. Multiple power outlets, AirRowdy and Bluetooth-enabled audio and visual equipment allow those in the Outdoor Learning Environments to connect their devices in each space.

To reserve, visit the Academic Success District OLÉ webpage or scan the sign with a QR Code outside each location. Simply, take a photo with your smart phones or devices to be connected to instructions about how to reserve the space.

Chair’s Report

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FACULTY SENATE CHAIR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

• Memo from UT System Faculty Advisory Council (SYSFAC) to Board of Regents (BoR):
  o UT-System institutions should be given wide discretion in implementing pandemic policies
  o Response BoR: campuses should decide for themselves but as state entities they are obligated to comply with state policies (i.e., no mask or vaccine related mandates)

• UTSA President continues to watch local COVID numbers and consult with local health leaders

• Senate Rep needed for Inclusive Excellence Advisory Board

• Updates from the SoGF

Consent Agenda

• Newly appointed Faculty Senate Executive Committee members: APPROVED
• Budget Committee COVID Memo: APPROVED

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