

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
of January 28, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year was held January 28, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 2.04.22) with Dr. Karen Daas, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Saadet Beeson, Karan Bhanot, Christie Blizzard, Janis Bush, Pepe Chang, Jackie Cuevas, Karen Daas, Samer Dessouky, Glenn Dietrich, Karen Dodwell, Jim Dykes, John Frederick, Yongli Gao, Edgar Ghossoub, Mark Giles, Dmitry Gokhman, Vaidya Gundlupet, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, Richard Harris, Gregory Hazelton, Jill Hernandez, Michael Karcher, Turgay Korkmaz, Aneta Koynova, Richard Lewis, Rui Liu, Chad Mahood, Michael Moyer, Ashok Nedungadi, Wing Chung Ng, Chris Packham, Lloyd Potter, Dan Sass, Teresa Sellers, Howard Smith, Kelly Suter, Alistair Welchman, Christopher Wickham, Karen Williams

Absent: Jennifer Alexander (excused), Michael Baumann, Rajesh Bhargave (excused), Emily Bonner (excused), James Dawes (excused), Martha Fasci, Randall Manteufel, Byongook Moon, John Nix, Derek Plantenga, Liang Tang, John Zhang

Guests: Kevin Grant (for Michael Baumann), Brian Halderman, Sarah Soulek

Total members present: 40

Total members absent: 12

II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – December 10, 2015  
The minutes were approved.

III. Reports

A. Chair's Report – Karen Daas

Dr. Daas said that a campus carry taskforce meeting is scheduled for Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. There was no update on grad council, department chair's council, or GRIP. Dr.

Daas encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Honors College Dean search forums at 1pm in the JPL Assembly Room:

Feb. 1 – Ann Eisenberg

Feb. 4 – Miguel Diaz Barriga

Feb. 8 – Sean Kelly

Feb. 15 – Hui-Ching Chang

She also said that the instructor-initiated drop policy is circulating and should come through the senate sometime in March.

B. Secretary of the General Faculty – Jill Hernandez

Dr. Hernandez gave an update on last week's SYSFAC meeting. She said that faculty have now been included on work related to the IP policy. She said that new Regents were introduced, including Tucker (a proponent of faculty governance and the dual credit initiative), and Cucolo (who recognizes the burden of the Hazelwood Act, specifically on UTSA). She said the Chancellor is looking to implement a leadership initiative course for freshmen and seniors across all disciplines. There will likely be a pilot program at some select schools before full implementation. The Chancellor has also instituted the Rooney Rule at all institutions, which requires all administrative positions to consider women and minorities as final candidates. Dr. Hernandez said that site visits for the dual credit initiative will begin in March.

C. Provost's report – John Frederick

Dr. Frederick said that a new Dean of Libraries (Hendrix) has been hired and will start in May. Four candidates will be coming in for the Honors Dean search. The search committee is still reviewing candidates for the COEHD Dean search. Finalists should be on campus sometime in March.

Dr. Frederick said that he could share the student survey course data collected to help identify which summer classes are most desired among students. He encouraged departments to try and add additional courses to the summer term if needed. He said that the instructor drop policy will be on its way to the HOP committee in February. There should hopefully be something in place by the fall.

Dr. Frederick said that there was recently an audit on workload credits. UTSA did well, but there are some areas for improvement. One of these is documenting what research faculty plan to do to obtain those credits. He encouraged all colleges to document this and is implementing a plan to pay faculty research out of a separate cost center to better document their research credits. He asked that anyone doing research send their college a short write-up of what they plan to work on. Working to document and justify UTSA's research expenditures will benefit the university going forward.

He said that a new system (student success collaborative campus) will be launched soon, and will replace the early alert system. It will provide better communication capability between students, faculty, and advisors to aid in student success. He said it should be implemented in the fall, but encouraged

faculty to give input to better tailor the system. DegreeWorks will still be utilized for degree auditing purposes.

D. Curriculum Committee – Alistair Welchman

Dr. Welchman said that the committee considered a request for a Minor in Sport Management. There were no major concerns and the minor does not require any additional faculty or resources. The curriculum committee voted to approve the proposal. The senate voted to unanimously approve the proposal for a Minor in Sport Management.

E. Campus Carry special committee – Gregory Hazleton

The committee is continuing to gather data, and a survey will be sent to faculty soon.

F. Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee – Lloyd Potter

Dr. Potter shared his committee's report for review. He asked for feedback to be sent to him in order to compile a formal report to share with the senate in February.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

V. New Business

○ Center for Civic Engagement: Taskforce Input

▪ Brian Halderman, Program Director Community Engagement

Mr. Halderman said that UTSA is one of 361 institutions that hold the Community Engagement classification, as of last January. He said there are 4 areas that need reclassification (in 2025): Assessment, partnerships, faculty rewards, and integration & alignment. He said the center's mission statement and vision are aligned to create a culture of civic engagement on campus. He explained some of the work that the center does (including service-learning course development & support, and tracking university-wide civic engagement efforts to report collective impact). Mr. Halderman stressed the importance of community engagement and said that any feedback or other ideas may be sent to him. He said there is also a service-learning advisory council on campus that can provide more information.

VI. Open Forum

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:00 p.m.