

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

## DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

### SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING of September 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2018-2019 academic year was held September 13, 2018, at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22) with Dr. Emily Bonner, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

#### I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Vangie Aguilera, David Bojanic, Emily Bonner, Pepe Chang, Whitney Chappell, Crystal Colombini, Glenn Dietrich, Edgar Ghossoub, Ovidio Giberga, Abraham Graber, Ruyan Guo, Jamon Halvaksz, Richard Harris, Jeffrey Hutchinson, Crystal Kalinec-Craig, Michael Karcher, Turgay Korkmaz, Lance Lambert, Melvin Laracey, Dennis Lopez, Chad Mahood, Byongook Moon, George Negrete, Chris Packham, Rogelio Palomera-Arias, Debra Pena, Derek Plantenga, Priya Prasad, Les Shephard, Tulio Sulbaran, Kelly Suter, Liang Tang, David Thompson, Raydel Tullous, Karen Williams, Tina Zawacki

Absent: Diane Abdo (excused), Sonya Aleman, Natasha Burns, Ian Caine (excused), Brian Davies (excused), James Dawes, David Hansen, Michael Miller (excused), Ashok Nedungadi, Branco Ponomariov, Bill Ramos, Devon Romero (excused), Xiaodu Wang, John Zarco

Guests: Tammy Anthony, Saadet Beeson (for Ian Caine), Kimberly Andrews Espy, Kathy Funk-Baxter (VPBA), Melissa May (VPBA), John Nix (for John Zarco), Liana Ryan, Jaclyn Shaw, Sarah Soulek

Total members present: 36

Total members absent: 15

#### II. Consent Calendar

- Approval of minutes – May 3, 2018  
The minutes were approved.

#### III. Reports

##### A. Chair Report – Emily Bonner

Dr. Bonner welcomed new senators and introduced members of the executive committee. She reminded all senators of their responsibilities, including sharing information with their departments and providing feedback on policy review. She said that today is the last day for feedback on the workload policy. The President will be visiting the next senate meeting in October so she encouraged everyone to attend. Dr. Bonner shared that the senate identified some goals for the year at the recent retreat held in August:

- *The FS sub-committees will interface with their appropriate senior administration counterparts to represent their sub-committee views as endorsed by the FS*

- *Enforce transparency at all levels*
- *Develop system for tracking input from faculty, action taken, effect and next action, and report back to faculty*
- *Create a focused list of top priorities in the FS and plan to accomplish them with the year*

Dr. Bonner said that there are still faculty spots left on the joint plus/minus committee with SGA. Anyone interested can contact her. She also shared that she recently met with a representative from the bookstore and created a survey link so that faculty can share their bookstore issues.

B. Provost's Report – Kimberly Andrews Espy

The Provost said that she supports the committee's desire for consistency within the plus/minus grading system. She updated the senate on upcoming forums beginning this week for future VP positions and encouraged everyone to share their feedback about the candidates. She briefly told the senate about a new initiative "Classroom to Career", which will focus on communicating and improving various opportunities for experiential learning for students. The goal is to increase participation and communication around these opportunities. A taskforce is being formed in support of this initiative.

C. Research Committee – Guests Jaclyn Shaw and Liana Ryan

Ms. Shaw discussed UTSA's goal of increasing research dollars to reach NRUF and Carnegie/R1 status. She presented a breakdown of the metrics needed to achieve these goals and showed UTSA's current status for each metric. Universities who meet NRUF status unlock \$8-9 million in annual funding. Carnegie/R1 measures research intensity of universities across the country. 2015 was the last annual ranking (rankings are now performed every 3 years) and UTSA is close to meeting R1 status. Ms. Shaw re-emphasized the scholarly awards program that UTSA has implemented and said that more information will be shared from the Deans soon. More information can be found on the following webpage: <http://research.utsa.edu/research-funding/targeted-scholarly-awards-programs-memberships-recognitions-for-faculty/>.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

- *Kathy Funk-Baxter, Vice President for Business Affairs*
- *Tammy Anthony, Asst VP, Budget and Financial Planning*

Ms. Funk-Baxter gave a budget update for FY19 (this year) and also reminded the senate that a parallel budget is running for the new model. She said that budget development currently takes about 5 months, but is estimated to take around 9 months with the new model. Budgets are submitted to the Board of Regents in July and are loaded in August. UTSA's current total budget is \$639 million. A full copy of the presentation may be found on SharePoint.

- *Karen Williams, Assistant Department Chair and Professor in Practice, College of Business, Information Systems and Cyber Security*

Dr. Williams said that she is serving as a SECC chair this year on the President's Advisory Committee. VPBA is the executive sponsor of the campaign, which is celebrating its 25 year anniversary this year. The SECC campaign official begins

October 1, 2018 and everyone is encouraged to participate in this annual community giving event. There is a \$3 minimum donation and the campus-wide goal for participation is 50%, with 80% participation encouraged within departments/areas. More information may be found at the following link:

<http://www1.utsa.edu/secc/wordpress/>.

- *Melissa May, Director of Communications, Vice President for Business Affairs*

Ms. May informed the senate of the new LiveSafe app that can be downloaded and used to report emergencies, etc. She said that next Tuesday (9/18), a video screening will be held to showcase the new “Choose to Live” active shooter video. The screening will be in the Retama Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Student Union) at 7:00 p.m. The video will also be available online and incorporated into future safety training.

VI. Open Forum

VII. Adjournment

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