**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**of May 6, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2020-2021 academic year was held May 6, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom (online meeting) with Dr. Chad Mahood, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

1. Call to order and taking of attendance.

Present: Chad Mahood, Chris Packham, Diane Abdo, Sonya Aleman, Gina Amatangelo, Mark Bayer, Kiran Bhaganagar, Raj Boppana, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Curtis Brewer, Felicia Castro-Villarreal, Whitney Chappell, Michael Doyle, Jurgen Engelberth, Roger Enriquez, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Alexis Godet, Richard Gretz, Jamon Halvaksz, David Hansen, Matthias Hofferberth, Dan Hollas, Becky Huang, Drew Johnson, Vanessa Kenon, Kim Kline, Andrew Konove, William Land, Sandeep Langar, Brian Laub, Huy Le, Charles Liu, Andrew Lloyd, Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Arturo Montoya Rodriguez, Sandra Morissette, Emily Nicklett, Debra Pena, Priya Prasad, Jeff Prevost, Rica Ramirez, Devon Romero, Dan Sass, Joshua Thurow, John Wald, Karen Williams

Guests: Myron Anderson, Claudia Arcolin, Nicole Beebe, Sedef Doganer, Mary Hernandez, Sean Kelly, Veronica Mendez, Heather Shipley, Sarah Soulek, Melinda Utoft, Melissa Vito

1. Consent Calendar – the following items were approved:
* Approval of minutes – April 8, 2021
* MS in Artificial Intelligence
* MS in Behavior Analysis
* Election of Faculty Senate Secretary: Debra Pena
* Election of Faculty Senate Parliamentarian: Curtis Brewer
1. Reports

**University Updates – Academic Affairs**

* Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs: Dr. Espy thanked faculty for their input at the college engagement sessions, service on the Leadership Council, Strategic Investment Fund and through their efforts in the peer mentoring process. An ‘Excelencia Webinar’ is available for faculty on how to implement evidence-based practices to intentionally serve Latino students. Faculty can register through the weekly Faculty News e-newsletter. Dr. Espy also discussed the Space and Planning Advisory Committee and how decisions are made to best utilize the university’s space and related resources. Glenn A. Martinez has been named Dean of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts beginning July 1st. The Dean searches for COEHD and ACOB are ongoing. The Faculty Hiring Request Portal is now open for FY22. Dr. Espy also thanked Tactical Teams 5 & 6 for their work and said that their final reports are forthcoming.

*Full presentation available on the Faculty Senate SharePoint site.*

* Dr. Melissa Vito, Vice Provost for Academic Innovation:

Dr. Vito presented the results of the Academic Innovation survey on learning modalities and said that her office is working on a plan to communicate and gather additional feedback. They will also be working closely with the Student Government Association to identify ways to better serve students.

The survey results can be accessed at: [https://spark.adobe.com/page/EImKWad9NiqK6/](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fspark.adobe.com%2Fpage%2FEImKWad9NiqK6%2F&data=04%7C01%7CSarah.Soulek%40utsa.edu%7C1c6dca98273f449b130408d90fff60b7%7C3a228dfbc64744cb88357b20617fc906%7C0%7C0%7C637558411771567892%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=smmrpqoI0R4QPXGbJ4vxBFZcsu1GD8aTRqXsVw4SUwc%3D&reserved=0)

* Veronica Mendez, Senior Vice President for Business Affairs:

Ms. Mendez gave an update on fall planning and the Public Health Taskforce recommendations for summer and fall. All faculty, staff and students are strongly encouraged to get the Covid-19 vaccine prior to the start of the fall semester.

*Full presentation available on the Faculty Senate SharePoint site.*

* Myron Anderson, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence:

Dr. Anderson said that data from the campus climate survey is being compiled and the results will be shared at the beginning of the fall 2021 semester. Dr. Anderson’s office also launched a student experience survey and will share those results in the fall. Dr. Anderson met with the senate’s AFEM committee to obtain feedback on the university’s compliance training. He is continuing to look at how to reduce the training’s length of time while keeping the integrity and quality of the training’s components and complying with federal and state mandates. Faculty can visit his website to get more information on the Tenure-Track Networking Club, which complements faculty mentoring at UTSA. He also mentioned the university award and scholarship in Inclusive Excellence and the available affinity groups listed on the Inclusive Excellence website.

**Chair’s Report:** Chad Mahood **–** No report

**Secretary of the General Faculty:** Chris Packham – No report

1. **Curriculum Committee** – The curriculum committee reviewed two (2) proposals and recommended each for approval with one amendment\*. The Faculty Senate voted as follows:
2. **B.S. in Applied Cyber Analytics \* – Approved *\*(with amendment)***

***\*Amendment: Adopt the late name change from “B.S. in Cyber Analytics” to “B.S. in Applied Cyber Analytics”***

32 approve, 0 do not approve, 5 abstentions

1. **Undergraduate Certificate in Design Communication and Fabrication**

36 approve, 0 do not approve, 2 abstentions

1. **Nominating, Elections and Procedures Committee** – The committee presented a recommendation to the bylaws which would dissolve the NEP committee and transfer all current duties to the Faculty Senate Secretary/Executive Committee.

**The Faculty Senate voted to approve the recommendation as follows:**

**36 approve**

**0 do not approve**

**0 abstain**

The new 2021-2022 list of senate committee members will be presented in September for approval.

1. **Graduate Council Chair –** The council is looking further into the issue regarding equity of compensation and course releases among GARs
2. **Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee –** No report
3. **Budget Committee** – The committee is waiting on the IRM model Huron data – for more info contact Dr. Wald
4. **HOP Committee** – No report
5. **Research Committee –** RSCs are still in the hiring process, but the research committee will meet with them more regularly going forward
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Open Discussion:** None
8. **New Business:**
* Kim Kline asked for nominees from COLFA for the university’s standing committees – contact her if interested
* A question was asked about charging online fees for all sections of courses that have any online component. Priya Prasad will follow up with the senate chair to investigate this issue further.
1. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:10 PM.