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FACULTY SENATE

Chair's Report

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WELCOME



- We follow Robert's Rules so please wait to be recognized by the Faculty Senate Chair (or Secretary or lead Administrative Assistant)
- Note: this is an open meeting and people outside UTSA can attend.
- Welcome guests

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- Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2024
 - Graduate Council item – approved on November 5, 2024
 - MS in Biology (addition of concentration in Pre-Professional Human Health)
 - Graduate Certificate in National Security Studies – University College
 - Graduate Certificate in Data Engineering – University College
 - PhD in Electrical Engineering (addition of concentration in Power and Energy)
 - MS in Electrical Engineering (addition of concentration in Power and Energy)
 - MS in Mathematics Consolidation (Closure of MS in Applied Industrial Math and MS in Mathematics Education, and addition of new concentrations to the MS in Mathematics)
 - Graduate Certificate in Predictive Analytics and Modeling – Management Sciences and Statistics

UPDATES



- (1) Faculty Senate Priorities – evaluation of administrators (deans and chairs)
 - Provost recently shared outcomes of the evaluation of a dean
 - Guidelines exist for deans to share the outcomes of the evaluation of a chair – Faculty Senate Chair will work with the Provost on a plan to communicate them
 - Communication on these guidelines in December (full senate) and in the Spring (meeting of the Provost with college senators)

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- (2) UT System Faculty Advisory Council – October 10-11
 - Goal: Gather and circulate ideas between Faculty, Board of Regents, Executive Chancellor, Chancellor, UTS Admin.
 - From Chancellor Milliken:
 - About the next legislature: low momentum around SB17 and SB18
 - SB16 (anti CRT): nothing yet for the next legislature but bills passed in other states
 - UTSA – UTHSA integration: aware of challenges but confirm both institutions are ready

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- (3) Academic Innovation – Melissa Vito and Marcela Ramirez
 - Satisfaction survey: Canvas, Simple Syllabus, Adobe, Gen AI
 - Feedback on survey design
 - Results presented to the Senate in Spring
- (4) Student Disability Services – Tammy Wyatt
 - Projected increase in student's requests for accommodation
 - Current staffing issues: hiring of critical staff in coming weeks/months

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- (5) University Leadership Council
 - Office of Sustainability and Energy: faculty representation
 - Institute of Texas Culture: designation as historical landmark
 - Integration update:
 - SACSCOC site visit in Fall 2025
 - UTHSA faculty involved in health accreditation
 - Branding & Marketing task force and Communication task force

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- (6) Report from the Secretary – Marie Tillyer
 - CPOS presentation
- (7) Reports from the Committees
 - Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee, Ginny Garcia-Alexander – No
 - Budget Committee, Mary Dixon – Yes
 - Curriculum Committee, Zaid Haddad – No
 - Graduate Council Chair, Zachary Tonzetich – No
 - HOP Committee, Sonya Alemán – No
 - Research Committee, George Perry – Yes

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- Unfinished Business – None
- New Business – None
- Adjournment of Meeting