

# UTSA<sup>®</sup> The University of Texas at San Antonio<sup>™</sup>

## 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

# WELCOME



- Consent Agenda
  - Approval of Minutes – April 17, 2025
  - Election of Parliamentarian – Miltos Alamaniotis

# UPDATES



- **Heather Shipley**, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- **Jason King**, Associate Vice President of Strategic Risk Management and Chief Legal Officer
- **Carlos Martinez**, Senior Vice President for Institutional Strategic Planning, Compliance Risk Management, and Office Operations Chief of Staff

# UPDATES



- (1) UT System FAC meeting in Austin (April 24-25)
  - Discuss current legislative session, especially SB37
  - Report on NTT / FTT faculty by Governance Committee
- (2) Meeting of AFEM committee with Provost Shipley (April 25)
  - See report of AFEM committee
- (3) Meeting with President Eighmy (May 1)
  - Legislature and budget
  - Opportunity for faculty to raise their concerns

# UPDATES



- (4) Retreat of the Faculty Senate – in person in the Assembly Room of JPL
  - Tentative date: Wednesday August 20
- (5) Format of senate meetings in AY 2025-26
  - First (retreat) and last (May) meetings in person, other meetings in Zoom

# THANK YOU!



- To those who served as senators and rotate out:
  - COEHD: Curtis Brewer, Rica Ramirez, Sidury Christiansen, Sonya Alemán
  - COLFA: Emilie Amrein, Kim Kline, Kirsten Gardner, Neil Debbage
  - COS: John Quarles, Kirk Schanze
  - HCaP: Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Jimi Francis, Michael Baumann
- To those who served on the executive committee:
  - Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Michael Baumann, René Zenteno, Sonya Alemán

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- (6) Report from the Secretary – Marie Tillyer
- (7) Reports from the Committees
  - Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee, Rica Ramirez – Meeting with Provost Shipley and actionable asks
  - Budget Committee, Mary Dixon – None

# UPDATES



- (7) Reports from the Committees
  - Curriculum Committee, Andy Lloyd
    - BS – Public Health – Adding a Concentration
    - BS – Health, Aging and Society – Adding a Concentration
    - BA – Sociology – Adding a Concentration
    - BA – Journalism – New Program

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- (7) Reports from the Committees
  - Graduate Council Chair , Zachary Tonzetich
    - Virtual vote following approval of Graduate Council on May 13
    - MS – Chemical Engineering
    - MFS – Community Arts
    - MFS – Film and Media
    - Certificate – Art History and Visual Culture
  - HOP Committee, Sonya Alemán – None
  - Research Committee, George Perry – None

# UPDATES



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