

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF September 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate for the academic year 2008-2009 was held September 18, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Room (BB 2.06.04). Raydel Tullous conducted the meeting on behalf of Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia, Chairman of the Faculty Senate.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance

Present: Diane Abdo, Marian Aitches, Robert Amborsino, Yoris Au, Ron Binks, Aaron Cassill, William Cooke, Fengxin Chen, Sara DeTurk, Beth Durodoye, Juanita Firestone, John Frederick, Mary Ellen Garcia, Robert Hard, Judith Haschenburger, Amy Jasperson, Eugene John, Craig Jordan, Zlato Koinov, Jolyn Mikow, Sharon Nichols, Sandy Norman, Branco Ponomariov, Hazem Rashed-Ali, Robert Renthal, Cherylon Robinson, Michael Ryan, Hatim Sharif, Alan Shoho, Ted Skekel, Raydel Tullous, Karen Williams, John Wald, Carola Wenk

Absent: Mark Allen (excused), Steve Bach (excused), Rena Bizios (excused), Mansour El-Kikhia (excused), Rhonda Gonzales (excused), Melody Lo, John McCray (excused), Darryl Ohlenbusch, Nestor Sanchez, John Simonis, Howard Smith, Mary Zey

Guests: Ashley Diaz, Donna Edmonson

Total members present: 34 Total members absent: 12

II. Approval of minutes of May 1 and May 15, 2008

The minutes of both meetings were approved.

III. Nominations and Elections

A. Nominating Committee – Amy Jasperson, Chair

Raydel Tullous and Ashley Diaz distributed the ballots on behalf of the Nominating committee for the election of officers and members of standing committees. Some nominations had been received and placed on ballots, and senators were allowed to give nominations from the floor. The ballots were counted and certified, and the committee members are as follows (* indicates new members elected September 18, 2008):

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Officers & Committee Members	Office or College
Mansour El-Kikhia	Chair
Robert Renthall	Vice Chair
William McCrary	Chair, Graduate Council
Aaron Cassill	Past Chair
Sandy Norman	Secretary of the General Faculty
Diane Abdo	Secretary of Faculty Senate
Raydel Tullous	Parliamentarian
Hazem Rashed-Ali	College of Architecture Representative
Karen Williams	College of Business Representative
William Cooke	College of Education and Human Development Representative
Nestor Sanchez	College of Engineering Representative
Mike Ryan	College of Liberal and Fine Arts Representative
Jolyn Mikow	College of Public Policy Representative
Carola Wenk	College of Sciences Representative

ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE COMMITTEE

Member	College	Term Expires
Michael Miller	COLFA	8/31/2009
Suzanne Winter	COEHD	8/31/2009
Sara DeTurk	COLFA	8/31/2010
Mark Leung	COB	8/31/2009
Armando Arciniega	COS	8/31/2009
*Leanne Alarid	COPP	8/31/2011
*Ben Olguin	COLFA	8/31/2011
*Irina Solovyova	COA	8/31/2011
*Andrea Aleman	COLFA	8/31/2011

ACADEMIC POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS

Members	College	Term Expires
Bennie Wilson	COB	8/31/2009
Michael Ryan	COLFA	8/31/2009
Elizabeth Pate	COEHD	8/31/2009
Diane Abdo	Freshman Initiative	8/31/2009
*Clyde F. Phelix	COS	8/31/2011
*Kimberly Bilica	COEHD	8/31/2011
*Patricia McGee	COEHD	8/31/2011

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Members	College	Term Expires
Suzanne Winter	COEHD	8/31/2009
Michael Ryan	COLFA	8/31/2009
Norma Blizard	COA	8/31/2009
Judith Walmsley	COS	8/31/2009
*Kevin Grant	COB	8/31/2011
*Fred Hudson	COE	8/31/2011
*Robert Ambrosino	COPP	8/31/2011
*Howard Smith	COEHD	8/31/2011
Robert Rental	Faculty Senate Vice Chair	8/31/2009

EVALUATION, MERIT, REWARDS, AND WORKLOAD COMMITTEE

Members	College	Term Expires
Thomas Coyle	COLFA	8/31/2009
Rolando Quintana	COB	8/31/2009
Dorothy Byrne	COS	8/31/2009
Mark Leung	COB	8/31/2009
Anthony Chronopoulos	COS	8/31/2009
*William Cooke	COEHD	8/31/2011
*Frank Chen	COE	8/31/2011
*Patricia McGee	COEHD	8/31/2011
*Jeffery von Ronne	COS	8/31/2011
*Jon Thompson	COA	8/31/2011
*Amy Jasperson	COLFA	8/31/2011
*Juanita Firestone	COPP	8/31/2011
*Marian Aitches	COLFA	8/31/2011

NOMINATING, ELECTIONS, AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Members	College	Term Expires
Diane Hays	COA	8/31/2009
David Silvera	COB	8/31/2009
Mariela Rodriguez	COEHD	8/31/2009
Adrian Cheatwood	COLFA	8/31/2009
Heywood Sanders	COPP	8/31/2009
Jose Jimenez	COA	8/31/2010
Amy Jasperson	COLFA	8/31/2010
*Bruce Smith	COE	8/31/2011
*Steve Bach	COS	8/31/2011

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Members	College	Term Expires
Kirsten Gardner	COLFA	8/31/2009
Robert Renthall	COS	8/31/2009
*Craig Jordan	COS	8/31/2011
*Clyde F. Phelix	COS	8/31/2011
*Anthony Chronopoulos	COS	8/31/2011
*John Alexander	COA	8/31/2011
*Hazem Rashed-Ali	COA	8/31/2011
*Pat Thompson	COLFA	8/31/2011
*Melvin Laracey	COLFA	8/31/2011

COMMITTEE ON HANDBOOK OF OPERATING PROCEDURES

Members	College	Term Expires
Jolyn Mikow	COPP	8/31/2010
Richard Tangum	COA	8/31/2010
John McCray	COB	8/31/2010
*Thomas Coyle	COLFA	8/31/2011
*Gayle Nicoll	COA	8/31/2011
*Mary Ellen Garcia	COLFA	8/31/2011
*Lars Hanson	COE	8/31/2011
*Richard Harris	COPP	8/31/2011
*Cherylon Robinson	COLFA	8/31/2011
*Donovan Fogt	COEHD	8/31/2011

Dr. El-Kikhia will send out a notice to new members on each committee and ask one of the members to convene the committee. Each committee must then choose a Chair and hold meetings as needed.

IV. Reports

A. Secretary of the General Faculty – Dr. Sandy Norman

Dr. Norman reported briefly on the SysFAC meeting with the UT Board of Regents in which Dr. El-Kikhia spoke before the Board on issues of concern to faculty. Dr. Norman made a presentation to the Board describing the impact of the SACS reaccreditation on system campuses.

V. Unfinished Business –

A. HOP

A motion was made and seconded to approve the sections of the HOP reviewed at the May 15, 2008, meeting. Several senators indicated they did not wish to approve the HOP sections without further discussion. Some said they were unable to attend the

May 15, 2008, meeting. After a vote on tabling the approval of the sections, the motion was tabled. Another motion was made and seconded to vote on the sections electronically. This motion passed.

B. Course Evaluation

The members were asked if they wanted the Course Evaluation Committee to continue to pursue developing a new course evaluation instrument and work with the administration to determine the feasibility of handling the course survey internally. The members were in favor of proceeding. A summary of the focus groups, feedback from faculty, and a copy of the most recent instrument will be prepared and distributed to the members.

VI. New Business – There was no new business

VI. Provost Report – Dr. John Frederick

Dr. Frederick reported that all faculty members will need to be certified with credentials and this will occur every semester. All faculty members have been approved and are complete for the Fall 2008 semester.

Dr. Frederick discussed the importance of confidentiality. Any faculty member who has shared comments about the candidates with others outside of the DFRAC meeting will be disqualified and unable to participate with DFRAC in the future. He indicated if an individual who is being considered for tenure and promotion and someone tries to comment on the events that took place in DFRAC meetings, he or she should ignore them.

Dr. Frederick reported that the Texas Higher Education has set aside \$80 million dollars that will be used towards enhanced funding. Texas A & M is expected to receive \$6 million dollars of this funding, and UTSA is expected to receive approximately \$4.9 million dollars.

Dr. Frederick reported information on the Athletic plan (expansion of athletic facility.) There will not be a football field built here at the UTSA Campus any time soon. If and when UTSA receives enough private funding (approximately \$15 million) the Alamo dome would be used as the field home.

Dr. Frederick reported that Jessie Zapata is stepping down as Dean of the College of Public Policy, but will remain as Vice Provost – Downtown campus. They are taking nominations for an Interim Dean while a search is made for a permanent dean. A search for Dean is also on-going in the Colleges of Architecture.

The Blue Ribbon Committee has given the final report, which will be posted ASAP.

VII. Open Forum

With regard to candidates seeking early tenure/promotion, Dr. Frederick stated that prior consultation with the Dean, and between Dean and Provost, might prevent proceeding with cases that could be rejected. For any tenure/promotion decisions, whether the result is positive or negative, a candidate has the option of appealing the final decision. (Please refer to the HOP for further details.) Since all reports (such as DFRAC, Chair, CFRAC and Dean's reports) are public and accessible, chairs and deans are encouraged to inform candidates of the general recommendations at each level.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted at 5:55 pm.