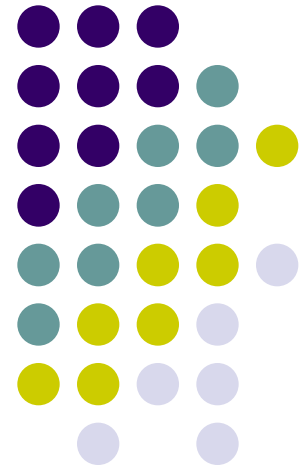


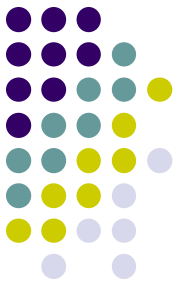
Chair's Report

Faculty Senate Meeting 2/10/11

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Chair of the Faculty Senate



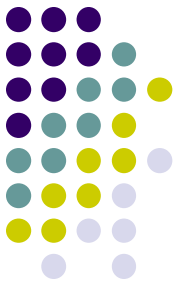
Legislative News



- Budget cuts:
 - Initial senate and house appropriation bills are being analyzed.
 - One concern is the proposed cut of financial aid for students (Texas Grant Program).
- Rule on approval of doctoral degree programs
 - THECB has adopted a rule to only approve new doctoral degree programs if the institution's six-year baccalaureate graduation rate equals or exceeds the average statewide graduation rate

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=A2F779CD-A592-21F1-4E5FB54B90F34967>

Senate Procedures



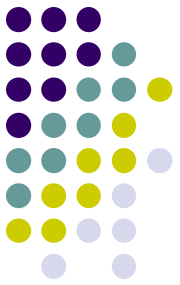
- Meetings (Bylaws IV.5):

Meetings of the Senate are open to the public. Direct participation of individuals other than Senators or Ex officio members is limited to the Open Forum.

- Executive session (Bylaws, IV.6):

The Senate may, by majority vote, determine to go into Executive Session, at which time only voting members of the Faculty Senate are present.

Senate Actions



- **UT System Regents' Rule 40101, 2.2:**

Subject to the authority of the Board of Regents and subject further to the authority that the Board has vested in the various administrative officers and subdivisions of the System, the faculties of the institutions regularly offering instruction shall have a major role in the governance of their respective institutions in the following areas:

3.1 General academic policies and welfare.

3.2 Student life and activities.

3.3 Requirements of admission and graduation.

3.4 Honors and scholastic performance.

3.5 Approval of candidates for degrees.

3.6 Faculty rules of procedure.

- **Update on status of senate actions**

Status of Proposals and Resolutions from Last Meeting



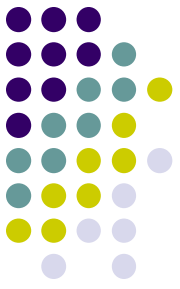
- IRB Committee Volunteers:
 - Rebecca Weston (Associate Professor, Psychology, on CAFT committee, COLFA)
 - Augustine Osman (Professor, Psychology, Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Studies, COLFA)
 - Kim Kline (Associate Professor, Communication, Chair of Graduate Council, COLFA)
 - Libby Rowe (Assistant Professor, Art & Art History, COLFA)
 - Don Robin (Professor, Honors College, also UTHSCSA)
 - Amaury Nora (Professor, Ed. Leadership, Associate Dean for Research, COEHD)
 - Wayne Wright (Associate Professor., Bicultural-Bilingual Studies, COEHD)
 - Steve Bach (Associate Professor, Chemistry, COS)

Status of Proposals and Resolutions from Last Meeting



- BS in Multidisciplinary Studies
 - Approved
- Inclusion of ART 1013 into Core Curriculum
 - Approved
- CBC resolution:
 - Not approved
 - Retroactive CBCs on faculty have been substantially completed with no “problematic” results

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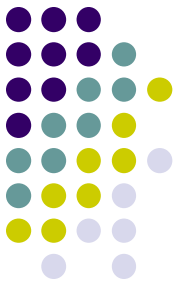
- Teaching evaluations resolution:

- Approved with modifications:

Although the results of the recently adopted online course survey instrument may provide individual faculty with important formative student feedback, the instrument is currently in a testing phase. Until the validity of its results is confirmed, any attempt to use data resulting from it for summative evaluation must be done with prudence.

Therefore, **pending comparison of the results with previous semesters' IDEA results**, the data generated from the test phase instrument **should not be considered as part of the annual performance review for 2010** ~~cannot be valued at a level less than "good" (2.5) for purposes of annual merit evaluation.~~ Evaluation of a faculty member's overall annual teaching effectiveness should in all other ways comply with his/her department's established evaluation guidelines

Teaching Evaluations



- Written student comments
 - There have been some concerns.
 - The comments have been sent to faculty members, but not to department chairs and deans.
 - Possibility of collecting hand-written student comments in class.
- HOP 2.12 Student Evaluations of Teaching
 - The senate has been asked to work on the policy, in order to address the issues that were brought up by senators and faculty.
 - A revised version has been posted on 1/13/11, without senate approval