



Faculty Senate

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Welcome!

- Faculty “have a major role in the governance of their respective institutions” (UT System Regents’ Rule 40101)
 - At UTSA, this occurs primarily through the Faculty Senate
- Senate represents the Faculty to the UTSA administration and the UT System
 - *Senators play an important part in development and revision of policies*

Committees

- Much of the work accomplished by the Senate depends upon contribution of Senate Committees.
- ***Thank you all for your responses to requests for committee membership over the summer!***

CPE and Annual Review

- Policies revised in response to Revised Regents' Rule 31102
- ***Extensive collaboration between Senate and Provost in revising these policies:***
 - Annual Review (in progress): Evaluations, Merit, Rewards, and Workload
 - CPE (Stakeholder Review): Academic Freedom and Tenure

Senate Resources

- Administrative Associate: Sarah Leach
- Webpage: www.utsa.edu/senate
 - Past meetings: minutes, agendas, reports
 - Upcoming meetings: Rowdyspace link to access agenda and documents for review
 - Bylaws (now easier navigation – Thanks, Sarah!)
 - Senators and committee membership
 - Responsibilities of Senators

Faculty Senators

- Attend all meetings or designate substitute representative.
- Review materials on RowdySpace in advance of meetings
- Report to department following meetings
 - *See Bylaws for additional responsibilities*

Committee Reports

- Request to consider ease of viewing in large rooms – larger font in reports
- If possible, consider alternative approach:
 - Post detailed report online for review prior to meetings
 - Present key issues in PowerPoint summary presentation
- Bylaws: post reports 5 days in advance of meeting

Email Discussion

- When replying to emails, avoid adding others to your reply list.
 - Member of Senate and Senate Committees should be able to expect that group email “discussions” are intended for those listed on original email.
- If is important to bring someone else into discussion:
 - Note in your email that you have brought in others on the discussion (and consider deleting the email chain other than your reply).
- Not intended to squelch discussion, just enables participants to anticipate immediate audience
 - Of course, email communication subject to open records

Summer, 2012

- Senate (especially HOP Committee) provided input for:
 - 2.35 Substantive Change Procedures Required to Obtain Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Approval
 - 5.18 Travel/Events Involving Students
 - 9.36 Nonsmoking/Tobacco Free
- Senate consented to approval of Master of Engineering in Sustainable Energy Systems

Policies Approved, Summer 2012

- Policies approved at System:
 - 2.03 Emeritus Academic Titles
 - 2.33 Faculty Proficiency in English
 - 2.35 Substantive Change Procedures Required to Obtain Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Approval
 - 2.36 - Procedures for Review of a Nonreappointment of a Nontenured Tenure-Track Faculty Member
 - 9.23 – Procedures Governing Private Gift Solicitation, Acceptance, and Management
 - 10.04 - Conflicts of Interest in Research & Intellectual Property
 - 10.11 Use of Animals in Research, Teaching, Testing or Public Exhibitions

IRB Accreditation

- IRB Accreditation Task Force
 - LJ Shrum (Chair)
 - Reed Hunt
 - Mary McNaughton-Cassill
 - Xiaohe Xu
 - Judith Grant and Mickey Stevenson

GRIP

- Graduation Rate Improvement Plan
- Senators on the Executive Committee providing representation and input at the weekly meetings of the GRIP Cross Campus Team

Voter Registration

- SGA voter registration drive
- Students registering during class time
 - “Students may participate in registering voters if they have the approval of the professor teaching the class, however, the students participating in this voter registration activity/project CANNOT express support or give the appearance of supporting one candidate, issue, party, etc. ”

Vending Contract

- Chip/snack vending
 - Bids due in three weeks
- Faculty representative on committee
 - Score proposals, 1 or 2 meetings

THECB Town Hall

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Sept 27
 - 2:30-3:30
 - Marriot Plaza San Antonio
- Registration
 - Free
 - <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/sanantoniotownhall>

Manuel P. Berriozabal

Café College

- On August 30, City Council voted to rename as the Manuel P. Berriozabal Café College
- Dr. Berriozabal is a Professor of Mathematics and has mentored high school and junior high school students for over 30 years in the Prefreshman Engineering Program
- *Congratulations!*