



Faculty Senate

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Survey: GRIP and other issues

- Workload agreement
- Grade distributions
- Curriculum streamlining
- Use of online grade book

The GRIP Cross Campus Team

- Team reports Dec 7 to Jan 25:
 - Job bank
 - Top Scholars recruitment
 - Work with UTSA students – Cross college study to develop model to predict student retention

GRIP Faculty Involvement

- Faculty with relevant expertise encouraged to participate in providing recommendations, evaluation, and execution of policies and services to improve retention and graduation rates.
- Examples
 - Researchers with expertise on psychoeducational and mental health challenges, motivation and school success, stress and time management, curriculum design, ethnographic studies, etc.
- *Could result in research data and training opportunities for students.*
- Please convey to colleagues in your department.
- **If interested, send name and description of area of expertise to Lorrie Smith in Sandy Welch's office.**

GRIP Faculty Forums: Jan 15 and 17

- Ease of use – single system integrated with Learn?
- Feedback to faculty (e.g., Has student been contacted? Has student gotten tutoring?)
- Include mechanism to provide faculty with information on student support resources available to students.
- Include one short period in regular schedule when classes are not held to facilitate opportunities to meet with students.
- **Need information on how many faculty use the Learn grade book and what would facilitate greater faculty involvement.**

GRIP Related Study

- *The Latino/a College Experience at UTSA: Identifying Pathways towards Degree Completion*
 - Center for Research and Policy in Education
 - Project Director: Dr. Laura Cortez
- *Asking for faculty assistance:*
 - Identifying possible participants for focus groups:
 - Latino/a students, low income, first generation
 - In-class Surveys:
 - 30 minutes, any class, all students surveyed (**remember to check with department and college guidelines**)
- Laura.Cortez@utsa.edu 210-458-8095

Senate Representatives on Committees

- Revised Regulations for Biological Select Agents and Toxins
 - Floyd Wormley
- Dining Services Committee
 - Robert Ambrosino

Chair's Council

- Visit with students re GRIP issues
- Digital measures – Sandy Welch
- Competency based credit – Joleen Gould
 - Clep, challenge exams
- International programs Julius Gribou
 - <http://international.utsa.edu/>

Conflict of Commitment

- Model policy sent in mid-January with deadline of Feb 1.
- Initial feedback sought from Executive Committee and Senate Research Committee. Feedback conveyed to Mickey Stevenson, Jan 23.
- discussed at SYSFAC Jan 24 and 25.
- Jan 29, meeting to incorporate SYSFAC recommendations.

Conflict of Commitment

- Jan 30, latest draft provided to Senate.
- **Please provide feedback to John Merrifield or Misty Sailors by Friday, February 8.**
 - limited areas of flexibility
- Senate Research Committee
 - will incorporate feedback and post recommendations by Feb 14 for consideration at Feb 21 Senate meeting.
 - Complete final recommendations Feb 22

Senate Reports to Departments

- Please remember to provide a report to your department of Senate activities and to seek and convey feedback in timely fashion.
Thanks!