UTSA The University of Texas at San Antonio[™] **FACULTY SENATE**

Rebekah E. Smith, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Psychology Chair of the Faculty Senate MARCH 21, 2013

Minutes

- Approval of minutes
 - Feb 21
 - March 7
- Welcome to guests

Changes to Bylaws Approved

- 1. Article II/1b "Freshman Initiative" now "University College"
- 2. Article II/1c. (previously approved) add chair of retired faculty association as ex-officio
- 3. Article II/3. –clarify requirement to serve on one standing committee
- 4. Article III/6-Elections of offices (other than chair) moved from Sept to May (term still begins in fall)
- 5. Article III/6 remove requirement for two nominees for each position
- 6.Article VIII/1 elections of committee members moved from Sept to May (term still begin in fall)
- 1, 2,3,5 passed unanimously
- 4 and 6 passed with 28 in favor, one opposed

GRIP Meetings

- Support work
 - Either justify and outline or eliminate
- Wait listing
 - Move to have wait listing default for all organized courses to improve planning, identify student demand
 - Discussion of implementation of questions to gather more specific data about why requesting waitlist status
 - 96 subject areas already use wait listing

Chair's Council

- Hamid Beladi, Co-chair of RAB, Associate Dean for Research
 - Research and Tier One Status
 - Research Expenditures
 - Number of doctoral degrees
 - Recognition by societies
 - Faculty who publish in high quality journals, whose work is well cited

Publications and creative works matter! Regardless of funding

- Cynthia McCowen, Director of Tutoring Service, TRC
 - Tutoring, jump start
- Don Swinson, Academic Scheduling Coordinator and Joe DeCristoforo, Registrar
 - Waitlisting

System Visit

- March 21, 2013
- Member of Executive Committee met with Pedro Reyes, Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Learn forums

- Lots of suggestions for improvements
- Reminder about Blackboard FAQ
 - OITConnect@utsa.edu
 - Subject line: Blackboard FAQ

Conveying Information to Faculty

- Need to better convey information to members of your department
 - If do not have regular meetings, need to convey in some other way
- Suggestion that we send out regular communication to faculty
 - Email
 - Newsletter

Policy Stakeholder Review Tobacco free campus

- Send feedback to Donovan Fogt by April 5.
- HOP committee report to Senate April 11.

How to find your workload assignment in Digital Measures

- Log into Digital Measures
 - Link can be found on myutsa page:
 - <u>http://my.utsa.edu/</u>

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		External Connections and Partnerships	
		Faculty Development Activities Attended	

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VPSA Review

- Outside team
- Visit by two members in April to meet with students
- Full team visit in late May or early April

 If you have suggestions for issues to be considered, please send to <u>Rebekah.smith@utsa.edu</u>

Rowdy Wellness Week

- April 2-4, 2013
- <u>http://utsa.edu/recreation/wellnessweek.pdf</u>

- Information sessions, food drive, blood drive and Step-A-Thon for SECC
 - <u>http://www1.utsa.edu/secc/wordpress/step-a-</u> <u>thon/</u>