

The Faculty Senate of the University of Texas at San Antonio supports the University of Texas System Faculty Advisory Council's resolutions, passed by the UT System FAC on March 1, 2013 (Resolutions 1 and 2) and January 25, 2013 (Resolution 3).

1. Resolution on Guns on Campus to the Chancellor

The University of Texas Faculty Advisory Council believes that the carrying of firearms on campus by anyone other than law enforcement officers is detrimental to the safety and security of all on campus.

2. Resolution Faculty Analytic Tools to Executive Vice Chancellor of Health Affairs and the Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Be it resolved that the implementation of any analytic tool (e.g. Academic Analytics, SciVal, MyEdu) either by System as a whole or by individual campuses for faculty assessment purposes shall be subject to regular review and approval by campus faculty governance bodies and/or by the System Faculty Advisory Council. Further, each campus Chief Academic Officers (or a designee) shall ensure that there will be a regular mechanism for improving the usage of these tools when these bodies or when individual faculty members reveal omissions, absences, and flaws in the analytics and/or raise issues with their usage.

4. Resolution on equal benefits for domestic partners:

Whereas, nonmarital domestic partnerships are becoming increasingly common in modern society; and

Whereas an increasing number of corporations, governmental entities and universities are including the partner of an employee in their benefit plans with equivalent status to an employee's spouse; and

Whereas providing equivalent status is an issue of fairness and equity; and

Whereas providing equivalent status will have a positive effect on faculty and staff recruitment and retention; and

Whereas providing equivalent status will have a positive effect on faculty and staff morale; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University of Texas System Faculty Advisory Council hereby encourages the Board of Regents to urge legislators to pursue changes in state laws and subsequently to change Regents' Rules to allow The University of Texas System to treat a domestic partner equivalently to an employee's spouse in all University benefit plans.

Statement of support passed by the Faculty Senate of the University of Texas at San Antonio on March 21, 2013.

2. Resolution on Encryption to the UTSA President and Provost

Whereas computer encryption programs can directly inhibit certain kinds of faculty research and communication, UTSA should establish an information assurance advisory committee with substantial faculty membership to ensure the availability, integrity, authentication, confidentiality, and non-repudiation of the campus's information and information systems. One function of the committee should be to receive and to make recommendations with regard to faculty requests for exemptions from requirements for the encryption of university owned computers and mobile communication devices.