**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**of December 3, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2020-2021 academic year was held December 3, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in Zoom (online meeting) with Dr. Chad Mahood, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presiding.

1. Call to order and taking of attendance.

Present: Chad Mahood, Chris Packham, Roger Enriquez, Jamon Halvaksz, Ian Caine, Diane Abdo, Jeff Prevost, Alexis Godet, Emily Nicklett, Jian Niu, John Wald, Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Andrew Konove, Richard Gretz, Priya Prasad, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Curtis Brewer, Lorenzo B., Ovidio Giberga, Jurgen Engelberth, Dan Hollas, Matthias Hofferberth, Liang Tang, Brian Laub, Karen Williams, Debra Pena, William Land, Sandra Garcia, Dan Sass, Rene Zenteno, Gus Allo, Kiran Bhaganagar, Sonya Aleman, Drew Johnson, Felicia Castro, Raj Boppana, Whitney Chappell, Charles Liu, Kim Kline, Brandy Barksdale, Dennis Lopez, Huy Le, Becky Huang, Sandra Morissette, Joshua Thurow, Gina Amatangelo

Absent: not available

Guests: Kimberly Espy, Heather Shipley, Sarah Soulek, Bernard Arulanandam, Melinda Utoft, J. Shaw, John Saygin, Sarah Hada, Cristian, Devon Romero, Fiona McWilliam, Michelle Stevenson

Total members present: 60 Total members absent: not available

1. Consent Calendar

* Approval of minutes – November 12, 2020
* No one objected to Consent Agenda

1. Reports

**University Leadership Updates – Bernard Arulanandam, VPREDKE**

• National Research University Fund Eligibility (see PowerPoint)

• HOP policies for Centers and Institutes

• Cybersecurity Manufacturing Innovation Institute update

• Seed Grant Programs update

• Sponsored Project Administration/Research Integrity update

**University Updates – Academic Affairs** (See PowerPoint)

* Updates on College Dean search process (COLFA, COB, COEHD)
* Annual Faculty Evaluation timeline; the annual evaluation process that would have begun in January 2021 for calendar year 2020 will be postponed. The next annual report faculty complete will include work from January 2020 through August 2021. Thus, 1.5 years of effort will be evaluated using the regular annual metrics.

**Chair’s Report: Chad Mahood –** (See PowerPoint)

* Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Diversity and Inclusivity updates
* Strategic investment fund committee update

1. **Curriculum Committee** – Raj Boppana

* Proposal for Certificate in Data Science; an electronic vote was cast during the meeting; **the Faculty Senate voted as follows: Yes: 23, No: 3, Abstain: 6**

1. **Graduate Council Chair –** no report
2. **Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee –** no report
3. **Budget Committee** – no report
4. **HOP Committee** – no report
5. **Nominating, Elections and Procedures Committee** – no report
6. **Research Committee –** no report
7. **Unfinished Business:** none.
8. **Open discussion:** Faculty Recruitment Manual – updated; concerns about Department Chair Search Committee Composition
9. **New Business:**
10. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:18 PM