**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**Of September 9, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2020-2021 academic year was held September 9, 2021 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, Marcus Hamilton, Mahmut Sonmez, John Wald, John Alexander, Gabriela Romero Uribe, Diane Abdo, Kimberly Fonzo, Hector Aguilar, Curtis Brewer, Drew Johnson, Josh Thurow, Alexis Godet, Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Zenong Yin, John Prevost, Emily Nicklett, Lauren Riojas-Fitzpatrick, Kim Kline, Lorenzo B., Rene Zenteno, Richard Gretz, Michael Doyle, Daniel Hollas, Matthias Hofferberth, Sylvia Mansour, David Hansen, William Land, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Rica Ramirez, Sonya Aleman, Huy Le, Sydney Knowles, Rajendra Boppana, KB, Whitney Chappell, Becky Huang, Zhechao Liu, Sandra Morissette, Victor De Oliveira

Absent: not available

Guests: Kimberly Espy, Heather Shipley, Carlos Martinez, Jason Hassay, Melinda Utoft, Debra Del Toro

Total members present: 50 Total members absent: not available

1. Consent Calendar
* Approval of minutes – May 6, 2021
* No one objected to Consent Agenda
* Newly appointed Faculty Senate Executive Committee members **APPROVED**
	+ Chad Mahood: Chair
	+ **Vacant**: Vice Chair Elect
	+ Chris Packham: Secretary of the General Faculty
	+ Curtis Brewer: Parliamentarian
	+ Mary McNaughton-Cassill: Secretary
	+ **Vacant:** Chair, Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee
	+ Jurgen Engelberth: Chair, Graduate Council
	+ John Wald: Chair, Budget Committee
	+ Matthias Hofferberth: Chair, HOP Committee
	+ Alexis Godet: Chair, FS Research Committee
	+ Andrew Lloyd: Chair, Curriculum Committee
	+ Diane Abdo: ADTS Representative
1. Reports

**Academic Affairs Updates –** Provost Espy & Heather Shipley

* See Academic Affairs PowerPoint Presentation
* Academic Affairs introduced new faculty title series in 2020 to create clear career paths for fixed-term faculty.
* Updates from the summer programs
* Welcomed new faculty to campus
* Strategic compensation plan
* Mandatory COVID-19 Testing Program: effective September 13, 2021 for all UTSA students, faculty and staff.
* Discussion on Covid / return to campus – refer to Roadrunner Road Map

**University Leadership Updates:** Carlos Martinez & Jason Hassay

* Jason interrupts legislation for UTSA faculty and staff
* House Bill 1927: effective September 1st – How it will be handled in the classroom.
* What impact does that have on campuses? ANSWER: It has little to no effect. The President implemented policy for concealed carry a few years ago, therefore, not much change. How will it be enforced? UTSA PD has received training on de-escalation techniques. It is a University Police issue to address.
	1. **Chair’s Report: Chad Mahood –** see Chair’s Report PowerPoint
	2. **Secretary of the General Faculty: Chris Packham** – no report
	3. **Curriculum Committee** – no report
	4. **Graduate Council Chair –** no report
	5. **Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee –** call for Chair of AFEM by Faculty Senate Chair, Chad Mahood.
	6. **Budget Committee** –Covid Memo

***The Faculty Senate voted as follows: Approve: 22, Do Not Approve: 0, Abstain: 2***

* 1. **HOP Committee**: **Matthias Hofferberth**
* Call for FS senators to notify Chair if they want changes or revisions to HOP policies
	1. **Research Committee –** no report
1. **Unfinished Business:** Need a Vice Chair to work with Chad over the next year
2. **Open discussion:**
3. **New Business:**
4. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 5:05 PM