**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**

**DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY**

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**of February 25, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2020-2021 academic year was held February 25, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. via 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, Sonya Aleman, Mark Bayer, Raj Boppana, Lorenzo Brancaleon, Curtis Brewer, Ian Caine, Felicia Castro-Villarreal, Michael Doyle, Roger Enriquez, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Alex Godet, Richard Gretz, Jamon Halvaksz, David Hanson, Matthias Hofferberth, Dan Hollas, Becky Huang, Drew Johnson, William Land, Sandeep Langar, Brian Laub, Huy Le, Charles Liu, Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Debra Pena, Priya Prasad, Jeff Prevost, Rica Ramirez, Bill Ramos, Devon Romero, Dan Sass, Liang Tang, John Wald, Karen Williams, Zenong Yin, Rene Zenteno

Guests: Kimberly Espy, Heather Shipley, Sarah Soulek, Melissa Vito, Steve Wilkerson

1. Consent Calendar – all items approved

* Approval of minutes – January 28, 2021
* Career Technology and Engineering Teaching (CTET) Certificate

1. Reports

**University Leadership Updates**

• Melissa Vito, Academic Innovation: (Full presentation available on SharePoint)

Dr. Vito said that Academic Innovation is performing a comprehensive assessment of the university’s classrooms and developing resources around the technology needed in these areas. In the next few weeks, the list of classrooms identified from this exercise will be available for review.

**University Updates – Academic Affairs**

• Kimberly Andrews Espy, Academic Affairs:

Dr. Espy said that fall planning is underway and additional modality alternatives are available, including 3 hybrid options. These alternatives should provide faculty and students with more flexibility, but may not represent every available option. If additional options are desired, those can be discussed moving forward. The university is also looking at how to utilize classroom space more efficiently in conjunction with these new modalities. A listing of the new modalities can be found at: <https://provost.utsa.edu/resources/course-modality.html>. Students will be able to view the options by March 22nd.

**Faculty Presentation**

• Roger Enriquez:

Dr. Enriquez serves as the Executive Director for Westside Community Partnerships. He presented an overview of the group’s work in identifying and addressing the westside community’s challenges, working with community leaders. For more information about the Westside Community Partnership email: [wcp@utsa.edu](mailto:wcp@utsa.edu).

**Chair’s Report: Chad Mahood**

• Dr. Mahood notified the senate that a FS representative is needed for the Public Safety Advisory Committee. Faculty senators should email him if they are interested in serving on this committee. The new “College of Engineering and Integrated Design (CEID)” school was announced this week, which will include the School of Architecture and Planning and the School of Civil & Environmental Engineering, and Construction Management.

**Secretary of the General Faculty: Chris Packham**

No report

1. **Curriculum Committee** – No report
2. **Graduate Council Chair –** An overview of Graduate Council activities and new GC awards has been posted to SharePoint. Revisions to the GC bylaws will be put on the consent agenda for the March senate meeting.
3. **Academic Freedom, Evaluation and Merit Committee –** No report
4. **Budget Committee** – No report
5. **HOP Committee** – No report
6. **Nominating, Elections and Procedures Committee** – No report
7. **Research Committee –** No report
8. **Unfinished Business:** None
9. **Open Discussion:** None
10. **New Business:** None
11. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 4:38 PM.