

UTSA FACULTY SENATE NEWSLETTER

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Review and Response

On November 8, 2018, we had our third full faculty senate meeting. During the meeting we heard from the Senate Chair (Dr. Emily Bonner), Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy), Associate Dean of University College (Dr. Jill Hernandez), Vice Provost of Core Curriculum (Dr. Si Millican), Behavior Intervention Specialist (Rosie McSweeney), Senior Compliance Management Analyst (Maria Perez).



Undergraduate Studies Update

The associate deans voted to approve changes to the policy regarding student reinstatement and admission after dismissal; the Provost will review these changes. Students will no longer be able to change majors after 75 credit hours without an appeal. Please encourage your undergraduates to consider publishing in the *UTSA Journal of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Works* (deadlines are 2 Dec and 15 May of each year).

Process for Revising Core Courses

Proposing and revising core courses now have a transparent, online portal. Viewers can see all previous and active proposals submitted. The process for routing proposals will follow from the department chair and to the associate dean, core curriculum committee, university curriculum committee, Faculty Senate, Provost, President, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The THECB will either approve or reject the proposal. Rejected proposals are often allowed to be resubmitted with changes made. The portal better aligns with the catalog review process. In addition, a periodic review process will ensure that each proposed course is in compliance with the necessary requirements and will support changes without going through the entire process.



Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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The purpose of the newsletter is to communicate updates from the Faculty Senate and to encourage faculty participation in the spirit of shared governance and the success of UTSA students, faculty, and staff.

This newsletter is written in conjunction with the detailed notes from **Sarah Soulek**, Administrative Analyst from the office of the Provost. The Senate is grateful for her continued support to success of Faculty Senate and UTSA.



Behavioral Intervention Team and Compliance Updates

The Behavioral Intervention Team (established in 2008) represents various offices, such as UTPD, HR, ombudsman, student conduct, etc. The mission of the team is to eliminate or reduce any concerning behavior and focuses on long-term solutions. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to report any concerning behavior to the team like “red flags” – patterns, trends, and disturbances in individual or group behavior based on reports of disruptive, problematic, or concerning behavior or misconduct. Reports can be submitted anonymously through the [BIT's website](#). The BIT will conduct an investigation, perform a threat assessment, and determine the best mechanisms for support, intervention, warning/notification, and response. [EOS](#) now falls under [The Office of Compliance](#), which has led to better collaboration among the teams. An external consultant was also brought in to review the office policies and processes.

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The Provost described the newly formed Human Health Planning Advisory Task Force. This task force will look at opportunities to advance human health-related studies through the creation of a new college organizational structure that better aligns relevant programs. Demand has been assessed through the growth of healthcare related jobs, growth among relevant programs, and opportunities for collaboration among UTSA's partners at UTSCSA, the UT School for Public Health, and Haven for Hope. A community health approach is needed as health care moves towards population health and precision medicine. This new structure will improve potential collaboration, navigability for students, and program visibility at the university. The task force will provide initial recommendations by January 2019. The list of invited task force members is available via the Provost's powerpoint presentation on SharePoint (contact your Faculty Senator).