

The University of Texas at Tyler

Office of the Faculty Senate

Thursday January 19, 2023

12:35-1:45 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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Attendees: (*Senator)

Zoom: Kerrie Anne Ambort-Clark, Gary Beck-Dallaghan, Jessica Bracks, Hannah Buchanan, Amanda Cartwright, Yonjoo Cho, Andi Cooley, Rosemary Cooper, Belinda Deal, Vandy Dubre*, Kimberly Elliott, Mary Fischer, Lori Fregoso*, Julie George*, Lynn (Janet) Harris, Brista Hurst-Kent, Lauri John, Forrest Kaiser, Colleen Marzilli, Becky McKay, Rochell McWhorter*, Ryan Menard*, Dolly Meyer, Amanda Midgett, Sonja Morale, Carolyn Morales, Michael Morris*, Gina Nickels-Nelson, Vivek Pandey, Cheryl Parker, Anjali Parti*, Megan Pazos, Rebecca Peebles, Nicole Phifer, Julie Phillely, Joyce Pitts, Sara Rumbelow, Cory Sills, Michael Skinner*, Joel Staves, Woonhee Sung, Christopher Thomas*, Amy Tvinnereim, Cara Wreyford

In Person: Santosh Aryal*, Danielle Bailey, Carl Baranowski, Jessica Chandarlis, Jeni Chilton, Barry Cowart, Rama Dhuwanalia, Dominik Fazarro, Lyliana Florove, Christine Forisha, Ayman Hamouda*, Barbara Haas, Janice Hawes, Rick Helpers*, Donny Henry, Chris Holmquist, Christiana Guthrie, Shashi Kant, Anorey Kavrisarov, Jaema Krier, P. Kumar, Dan Lichay, Cynthia Martinez, Susan McBride, Amir Mirmiran, Elza Mylona, Harrison Ndetan*, Sarah Norrell, Dixie Rose*, Matthew Stith, Amentahru Wahrab*, Gwen Williams, Barbara Ross Woolridge*, Paul Zukas

AGENDA

12:35 Welcome and Call to Order/Invocation – Dr. Harrison Ndetan, Faculty Senate President

12:36 Approval of October minutes – Dr. Julie George, Faculty Senate Secretary

12:37 President Update – Dr. Kirk Calhoun

- Budget process starting early:
 - Goal to increase transparency and have more time to get more input
 - Final decisions to come late May after legislative session ends
 - Discussions in legislative session: if state will increase funding to where it needs to be, state institutions will not increase tuition for 2 years. Proposal is moving forward to adequately fund higher education.
- Capital projects:
 - SOM groundbreaking on Monday; Governor Abbott to come
 - Nursing building groundbreaking to come late spring
 - Group working on new science building plans: \$90-100 project

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- Student Housing: know it's a big need; ~\$120 investment to be made; looking at ways to make that happen and discussions with UT System are in progress
- IT investment: Must not fall behind because it puts the mission of UTT at risk; updates are coming; email merge should be complete by 3/1; key business systems from both campuses don't talk to each other, and that will be fixed and modernized
- Web page-redesign process underway; surveys are coming for feedback
- Parking-ongoing
- Questions:
 - Dr. Woolridge: Soules parking is a nightmare. Students are late because they can't find a parking lot. Plans in the work soon? Dr. Calhoun: Parking is very expensive and being considered in major projects like new buildings and student housing; Also considered as part of the campus mobility project to get new parking lots, walking paths, more entrances, and internal loop around campus
 - Dr. Vandy Dubre: Is there discussion of purchasing the Foundry as student housing option? Dr. Tolliver: Nothing is off the table, but the best plan is to build our own property.

Provost updates – Dr. Amir Mirmiran

- Merge of HOPs from main and HSC complete
 - Revisions led by Donald Henry
 - All are updated on website and compliance should handle updates moving forward
- Enrollment management is now handling all admissions, both UG and Grad
- Dean searches: Education & Psychology-hoping to close by end of spring; searches in progress
- Academic Affairs will be taking on career success conference (10/19) and integrating badges/certificates into the curriculum
- Community engagement: exploring ways to improve as it's a part of the culture of a Carnegie classification
- Microcredentials: initiative being led by Dr. Kumar and is ongoing
- Dr. Swain: working on full review of all UG programs in the next 5 years as part of the QEP
- Becky McKay, library: looking at ways to improve OER, looking for grant opportunities and ways to decrease cost of texts

VP Health Affairs Update: Dr. Julie Philley

- Dean searches for SHP and COP completed. Dr. Bird (SHP) and Dr. Schwartz (COP) starting this spring

Donny Henry, Compliance

Special Guest: Donald Lichay, FBI

- Focuses on Intellectual property protection and threats to the academic sector

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- FBI does support international collaboration but just wants it done safely
- FBI works in both classified and unclassified settings and works to be as transparent as possible
- They will collect info and share with UTT in classified briefings with those allowed that security clearance
- They have cyber capabilities with some being local and able to be on campus within an hour if there is a security breach
- Counterintelligence task force: investigative team that strategizes how to mitigate threats
 - Goal is to prevent crimes and educate instead of arresting
 - Purpose is to protect research and intellectual property
- There are foreign groups working in the US to target students and faculty with overseas connections
- One way is through intellectual property diversion: working with a parent institution and then sending the information to the country paying you
- Be on the lookout for red flags: partnerships with questionable companies, unclear disclosures, etc.

CETL Update: Dr. Bailey

- Professional Development Calendar
 - Has CETL calendar and other school calendars for professional development
 - Can add events to personal calendar
 - Can subscribe to calendar
- Spring Writing Retreat: 3/10-11 (Friday evening and Saturday morning)

IT Update: Dr. Rahm

- Email system migration fully complete by 3/1
- Will include 3 groups: faculty, staff, students
- Communication for next steps/how to complete migration to be sent in next few weeks
- No need to change passwords but will have to update/install DUO mobile (instructions coming)
- Help desk will be available
- Canvas will not be affected
- Calendar sharing will now be available but clinical systems will migrate in phase 2 which will be a slower process

Senate Updates: Dr. Harrison Ndetan

- Shared governance survey was sent out: please complete
- FAC meeting in Austin next week: will focus on shared governance, student success, university improvement, and using student assistants
- HOP 3.6.0: Mission and vision statements have been added
- Announcement that faculty and students can get free or reduced tickets to the Cowan Center events: Doo Wop Project and Doris Kearns Goodwin Lecture are coming soon

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