

The University of Texas at Tyler
Office of the Faculty Senate

Thursday March 9, 2023

12:35-1:45 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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Attendees:

Senators: (* indicates present)

At Large	Staci Zolkoski*	Yonjoo Cho*	Michael Morris*
CAS	Matthew Stith*	Joseph Vandehey*	Sarah Roberts
Soules COB	Barbara Ross Woolridge*	Rochell McWhorter*	Vivek Pandey
CEP	Christopher Thomas*	Lauren Kirby	Forrest Kaiser*
COE	Premanda Indic*	Mohammad (Rafe) Biswas	Chung Goh
SON	Colleen Marzilli	Julie George*	Dixie Rose*
COP	Santosh Aryal*	Justin (Cole) Wilder	Ayman Hamouda*
Library	Vandy Dubre*	Lori Fregoso*	Michael Skinner*
SHP		Kimberly Elliott	Jessica Escareno and Anjali Parti
SOM		Buka Samten and Jessica Bracks	James Menard*
	Amentahru Wahlrab- President Elect*	Rick Helfers-Past President*	Harrison Ndetan- President*

Zoom: Lorri Allen, Kerri Anne Ambort Clark, Julie Anderson, Cynthia Ball, Pam Beall, A Borne, Vanessa Cassanova, Christina Chatman, Brittany Childs, Devon Churchill, David Criswell, Brittany Folden, Christy Gipson, Beverly Golden, Ramona Grad, Rachel Harrington, Lynn Harris, Kay Jenkins, Lisa Jett, Lauri John, Mike Kennedy, Jaema Krier, Arun Kulkarni, H Lawrence, Roger Lirely, Peggy Mahfood, Cynthia Martinez, Becky McKay, Rhiannon Meyer, Michael Millett, Melanie Mogle, Sonja Morale, Elza Mylona, Gina Nickels-Nelson, Kim Nimon, Cheryl Parker, Isai Ramirez, Joey Saxon, Cindy Scott, Jared Sexton, Karan Singh, Colin Snider, Kim Stapp, Cindy Strawn, Cree Summerville, Woonhee Sung, Ona Tolliver, Michael Vick, Lou Ann Viergever, Gwen Williams, J Wyman, SW, Nathan

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In Person: Joshua Banta, David Barron, Lou Ann Berman, Gracy Buentello, Rama Dhuwaraha, Stephanie Fenter, Amy Hayes, Andy Krouse, Poonam Kumar, Kouider Mokhtari, Jeff Noblitt, Sarah Norrell, Joyce Pitts, Landry Smith, Colleen Swain

AGENDA

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

12:37 Approval of January minutes – Dr. Julie George, Faculty Senate Secretary

12:38 CIO Isai Ramirez

- Started this role on March 1 and is acclimating to new position
- Merging of systems to begin 3/10
- Rama: email migration will begin at midnight Friday and will not affect canvas
- If you have both HSC and uttyler accounts, the migration will be done manually and you will receive communication from IT
- If there are any problems, please contact IT

12:50 Marketing Update: Jeffrey Noblitt

- Thanks to all who completed website redesign survey
- Plan is to have more to share next month about the feedback received
- Will build a new website with gateways for multiple populations, including prospective students, current students, faculty/staff, alumni, etc.

12:56 SGA Update: Landry Smith, SGA President

- Discussing microcredentials and identifying where the most impact is; would like to see these more embedded into the curriculum
- Center for student resources: analyzing what resources should be in the one-stop shop, both physically and online
- Freshman seminar discussion: what is offered now and what does it need to look like? What should be different in each college/school?
- Discussion: pilot in the works per Dr. Swain re seminars for both FTIC and transfer students; library wants to partner with seminars
- Safety Accessibility Walk 4/5: goal is to familiarize with the university to possibly improve accessibility and safety in the future

1:07 Staff Senate Update: Christina Chatman, Staff Senate President

- Working to ensure that staff positions/workloads grow as university grows
- Developing baseline job descriptions to quantify workload better; may need faculty help to quantify
- Save the date: Faculty/Staff Awards 4/24 at the OAC

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- University Appreciation Week coming up-all faculty and staff are welcome to participate; watch for the emails for details

1:11 End of Course Evaluations-Pilot Study: Drs. Josh Banta and Chris Thomas

- After the fall pilot and discussion last month, seemed to have consensus to use legacy questions moving forward
- Acknowledges that there will be a disruption to HSC evaluations with using new questions there
- Propose to pilot just new questions with longer evaluation window through finals week
- Discussion: agreeable to extend evaluation window with the option for those up for T&P to remove data, as well as flexibility in faculty evaluation process through the pilot period
- Once we have new data re: longer window, we can present Faculty Senate recommendation to Provost, who will make final decision in conjunction with the President

1:26 Research/Scholarship and Graduate School Updates: Dr. Steve Idell and Kouider Mokhtari

Dr. Idell:

- Additional funding will be available this year for research contingencies to help with unexpected barriers and UG experiences (looking into a partnership with Rice-UTT students study for summer at Rice)

Dr. Mokhtari:

East Texas Research Conference: accepted 30 presentations and approximately 50 poster presentations

- Time to register
- April 21; keynote Dr. Brigham Willis with breakout and networking sessions
- Please attend and bring community members

Internal Grant Program

- Deadline was 2/23; received 20 proposals
- Reviews hopefully to conclude early to mid-April
- Awards to be announced early May
- Funds will be released as early as June

Faculty Development Leave

- Deadline Mar 27
- Then will review and announce in May

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- Still need faculty and students to complete training

1:33 Senate Updates: Dr. Harrison Ndetan

Shared governance: white paper from UT System FAC disseminated

Based on 4 pillars:

- Leadership Roles, Responsibility, and Structure
 - Faculty senate should determine committee
 - Meetings with President, EVPs and faculty senate

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- Don't do: involved in search committees; improving in streamlining budget
- Most key points we are meeting objectives
- See video for slides
- Policy development, review, and implementation
 - One thing we want to work on is assessing administrators
 - Salary committee is ongoing
 - Doing well on most of these points, as well
- Bidirectional communication
- Institutional culture and work environment

*Compared to other universities, we fall in the middle-not leading but not lagging behind

- Dr. Ndetan to send a survey to gain further understanding of faculty thoughts
- Deadline for teaching service research awards is Mar 20
- ROTA deadline April 17
- President elect ballot to be sent out soon

1:45 Adjourn