

The University of Texas at Tyler

Office of the Faculty Senate

Thursday November 17, 2022

12:31-1:37 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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Attendees: (*Senator)

Zoom: Kerrie Anne Ambort-Clark, Joshua Banta, Pamela Beall, Lou Ann Berman, Mohammad (Rafe) Biswas*, Gary Bouse, Jessica Bracks, Hannah Buchanan, Brenda Burton, Christina Chatman, Brittany Childs, Vandy Dubre*, Wendy Duncan, Stephanie Fenter, Mary Fischer, Brittney Folden, Lori Fregoso*, Julie George*, Kathy Gohmert, Beverly Golden, Rachel Harrington, Lynn (Janet) Harris, Mitzi Harris, Brista Hurst-Kent, Tonya Irwin, Lisa Jett, Lauri John, Vicki Jowell, Braden King, Lauren Kirby*, Arun Kulkarni, A Kurdows, Elizabeth Lee, Colleen Marzilli, Becky McKay, Rochell McWhorter*, Ryan Menard*, Sonja Morale, Dwain Morris, Michael Morris*, Joshua Neaves, Dalia Nessina, Pierre Neuenschwander, Gina Nickels-Nelson, Patti Olusola, Vivek Pandey, Cheryl Parker, David Pearson, Julie Phillee, Panda Powell, Melissa Roman, Dixie Rose, Susan Rossman, C. David Rowlett, Patricia Royal, Buka Samten, Joey Saxon, Cindy Scott, Sasha Scott, Michael Skinner*, Saren Spicer, Kate Starnes, Katie Stone, Cindy Strawn, Cree Summerville, Christopher Thomas*, Joseph Vandehey*, Amentahru Walrab*, Robert Wieck, Cara Wreyford, Lisa Wyatt, Jacki Wyman

In Person: Santosh Aryal*, Lou Ann Berman, Kenneth Bryant, Jr., Dominik Fazarro, Christine Forisha, Ayman Hamouda*, Rick Helpers*, Steve Idell, Andy Krouse, P. Kumar, Cynthia Martinez, Amir Mirmiran, Torey Nalbhone, Harrison Ndetan*, Jeff Noblitt, Sarah Norrell, Kim Niman, Anjali Parti*, Matt Smith, Colleen Swain, Ona Tolliver, Barbara Ross Woolridge*

AGENDA

12:31 Welcome and Call to Order/Invocation – Dr. Harrison Ndetan, Faculty Senate President

12:34 Approval of October minutes – Dr. Julie George, Faculty Senate Secretary

12:39 VP Business Update – Stephanie Fenter

- Check website to see video honoring ROTA, including our own Ashley Dalby from H&K
- BOR approved SLP degree program; approved to begin SOM building and should break ground in a few months-\$308 million and plans all approved

Dwain Morris:

- On schedule to have email system merged by 3/1
- Moving HSC People Soft into a shared environment
- Discussing next steps with system 11/18; expect 18-24 months for completion
- Police forces have merged into one entity; official date of merge is 12/1 but changes are being made currently; Medders will continue as Chief of Police

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12:45 Provost updates – Dr. Amir Mirmiran

- HOP merger almost complete; clinical policies are housed only with HSC
- In early December, a committee will convene to discuss and prioritize space needs
- Career Success Conference: nice turnout this year; discussion/ideas of considering integrating as part of curriculum and improve efforts at retention and recruitment

12:53 Office of Research and Scholarship and Graduate School updates – Dr. Steve Idell

- Talks in progress with each college/school about research goals in strategic plan
- Internal grant award: applications coming-focus this year on collaborative work
- ETRC (East Texas Research Conference)-planning ongoing for April date
- Faculty Development Leave-discussions in progress, expect announcement soon

12:59 Student Success-Dr. Colleen Swain

- Fall UG enrollment 6,594, not including dual credit and post-bacc students
- New FTIC-1,124 with Full-time at 1,015, which is the largest ever
- First generation students-2,429 (34.4%)
- Pell eligible-40.7%
- 42% are students of color
- Retention for Fall 2021-2022 73.38% which was the lowest in 2 years
- Goal for this year: 83% retention; plan to improve a little each year to reach 90% goal by 2027
- Faculty are important daily in retention efforts: engage, support students, promote learning; must structure course for success; assess learning in multiple ways; provide timely feedback
- One way to provide feedback is mi-term grade report
- Advisory team for grade alerts started to explore process improvement for grade report; will examine timing and other issues
- Question (Barbara Ross Woolridge): What happens when the grades are put in? The system sends a message to EAB and advising.
- Faculty learning: please check out CETL for many learning opportunities

1:15 End of course evaluations: Dr. Joshua Banta

- Deadline to complete evaluations now extended through finals week
- Two sets to complete now: one with the old questions and one with the new; completing both for comparison purposes
- This semester Chris Thomas and team will analyze the data from the new since it's the pilot semester and the new questions will not go out in regular faculty evaluations
- Goal for the new evaluations is to keep it concise; new questions focus on course content and attempt to decrease bias
- There is no priority grade access anymore
- Recommend avoiding posting final grades for students until after the evaluation period is done.

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- Cobb, or Belinda Deal; see website www.uttyler.edu/wellness

1:23 Dr. Torey Nalbone: National High School Ethics Bowl

- Coming to campus 2/1
- 100 HS students to compete on their schools' teams
- Compete with ethical case studies and defend their position, not debate
- Winner advances to national competition at UNC Chapel Hill
- Participation is up with 335 high schools competing, and this is only one of two competitions in Texas
- Need volunteers: survey to come

1:30 Faculty Senate Update-Dr. Harrison Ndetan

- Employee/Dependent Scholarship application due 12/1
- Wellness committee: Destress fest coming 11/30 10am-2pm in the UC-details coming
- Career Success Conference: successful year, planning already started for next year
- HOP update 3.1.3: sent out for input; please email thoughts
- Strategic Roadmaps: for new strategic plan; have been sent to deans and discussions to be had with faculty for planning how to meet goals
- Faculty governance at distant campuses: goal is for all campuses to actively participate; Harrison to visit all campuses
- Assessment of shared governance at UT System: survey to come about how shared governance is going on our campus

1:37 Adjourn