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)


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