



## FACULTY SENATE

The Forum for Professors at UTA

### Faculty Senate Minutes May 1, 2013

Toni Sol, Faculty Senate Chair	George Gintole--Architecture
Tom Ingram, Past Chair	Desiree Henderson -- English
Joe Kongevick, Secretary	Brian Horton—Communication
Douglas Klahr, Parliamentarian	Haiying Huang -- MAE
John Adams -- Fin/RE	Brian Huff -- IMSE
Amanda Alexander -- Art	David Hullender -- MAE
Julie Alexander—Library	Andrew Hunt -- EES
Cheryl Anderson -- Nursing	Seiji Ikeda--Art
Ivonne Audirac -- SUPA	Carl Lovely – Chem/Biochem
Miriam Byrd--Philosophy & Humanities	Yuan Peng---Psychology
Thomas Chrzanowski -- Biology	Barbara Raudonis – Nursing
Mark Cichock--Political Science	Stefan Romanoschi—CE
Norman Cobb – Social Work	Jodi Tommerdahl – C&I
Stephanie Cole -- History	Mike Ward -- Economics
Reni Courtney--Nursing	Matthew Wright -- CSE
Colleen Fitzgerald -- Ling	Zhiyong Yang -- Marketing
Sarah Frisof -- Music	Robert Young--Sociology Anthropology

#### **Call to Order:**

Toni Sol, Chair

The new president for the Student Congress, Varun Mallipaddi, was recognized along with members of the press from the Shorthorn.

#### **Remarks by the President:**

Dr. Vistasp Karbhari, our new President will be here the last week of May and has made three trips already to the campus.

Legislature - No great appetite in senate to let gun bill go to a vote – wishes that people would focus on what those of us who work on a public campus want with regard to this – why should public ones be different than private ones?

Funding - Senate bill is better than house bill; hopes senate one prevails...Some good things in house bill as well...Tuition revenue bond provision passed in senate – related to possible renovation of Life Sciences Building – we're hopeful that we get some funding for this and expects that UTA will be part of a campus construction bill.

Q: Ingram: What could senate do to help new president?

Spaniolo: Best thing is for Faculty Senate to have an open dialogue and the new President wants to meet with all.

Q: Cichock – Pols: What is the latest update on Tier 1 status?

Biggest challenge remains resources, even if we get more funding, the trend is for decline in state funding. Little ability to increase tuition; hoping to raise master's degree tuition slightly in spring 2014. Better success continues on corporate funding; research institute looks promising as well in terms of external funding.

**Vice Provost Faculty Affairs - David Silva:**

There are 8 divisions in provost office, and Faculty Affairs is one of them. The direct line between provost and senate leadership remains unchanged, but David Silva is your point person for faculty contact. No graduate school and no Dean any longer: new division of academics, graduate studies is streamlined. An open discussion ensued relating to this matter.

The President and the Vice Provost exited the meeting.

**Quorum Called:** quorum present

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved for March 6, 2013

**Nominations and Elections:** Ingram explained election procedures

Nominations for Chair Elect: Mark Cichock – Political Science and no other nominations

Vote carried for **Cichock**

Nominations for Secretary: Doug Klahr – Architecture and Dan Cavanagh – Music

Vote carried for **Klahr**

Nominations for Parliamentarian: Reni Courtney – Nursing and no others

Vote carried for **Courtney**

**Reports:**

FAC – Ingram:

UT system FAC page ( [utsystem.edu/utfac/](http://utsystem.edu/utfac/) ) has everything on it, FAC minutes, meeting dates etc.

Rule 180 references transparency by employees of The UT System of conflicts of interest, conflicts of commitment, and outside activities – this originally came from the regents – the old deadline was Feb. 1, the chancellor now has pushed the deadline to Sept. 1 the chancellor will then report to FAC, but the FAC doesn't meet formally before Sept. 1 deadline – big concerns about amount of data to be public – all the data gathered will be on record and open to a public records request.

Intellectual property encryption is still being determined – our provost is not in favor of encrypting personal devices.

Stable budget, maybe small increase – impact of Obama care is hitting state in a major way – public school and higher education are going to be okay thus far.

A gun bill might get passed, the Senate passed a bill stating students could have them in vehicles but it's still in committee.

FAC Resolutions – Sol: (see copy of resolution)

Resolution #1 – UTA Faculty Senate endorses Any Faculty Analytic Tool resolution, that was endorsed by The FAC. – Resolution Passed

Resolution #2 – UTA Faculty Senate endorses Peer Observation of Teaching resolution, that was endorsed by The FAC. – Resolution Passed

A resolution passed to form a subcommittee to establish guidelines for conduct and use of peer teaching observations.

**Committee Reports:**

Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee - Thomas Chrzanowski for Dan Cavanagh - a need for more regular post-tenure leave program for more research activity if we want to be Tier 1 – they are still getting data from aspirational universities and looking at other opportunities as well. For example: Course banking (teaching extra courses in one semester to get another off), Two-thirds salary with one-third to support adjuncts to teach while you take time off, Plan that ties successful post-tenure review to get a semester off. Would like to recommend that senate begin a dialogue with admin to explore such changes. More concrete recommendations when more data is compiled.

Budget Liaison (summer salary) – David Hullender

Recommendation that UTA follow same policy used by UT Austin – should be voted in the fall.

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:18**