



“An Elected Legislative and Deliberative Faculty Body

Whose Primary Purpose is to Represent UTA Faculty”

Minutes for September 3, 2014

Senate Leadership in Attendance

Toni Sol, Senate chair

Tom Ingram, Past Chair

Reni Courtney, Parliamentarian

Senators and Student Representatives in Attendance

John Adams	Business	Seokjin Jeong	Liberal Arts
Amanda Alexander	Liberal Arts	Theresa Jorgensen	Science
Mindi Anderson	Nursing	Sonia Kania	Liberal Arts
Siamak Ardekani	Engineering	Susanna Khavul	Business
Bethany Bateman	SAC Representative	Cynthia Kilpatrick	Liberal Arts
Miriam Byrd	Liberal Arts	Joseph Kongevick	Liberal Arts
Dan Cavanagh	Liberal Arts	Peter Lehmann	Social Work
Thomas Chrzanowski	Science	Don Liles	Engineering
Norman Cobb	Social Work	Carl Lovely	Science
David Coursey	SUPA	Kytai Nguyen	Engineering
Bill Crowder	Business	Yuan Peng	Science
D. Stefan Dancila	Engineering	M.K. Raja	Business
Amir Farbin	Science	Barbara Raudonis	Nursing
Louanne Frank	Liberal Arts	James Richards	Architecture
Tom Hall	Business	Peggy Semingson	Education + HP
James Hardy	Education	Jason Shelton*	Liberal Arts
Loan Ho	Student Congress Pres.	Albert Tong	Engineering
Andrew Hunt	Science	Martha Walvoord	Liberal Arts
Joseph Ignagni	Liberal Arts	Zhiyong Yang	Business

*Standing in for Robert Young

Guests

Vistap Karbhari, President

David Silva, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Call to Order and Welcome: Toni Sol, 2:30

Welcome (Reminder: name and unit please when you are called on.)

Identification of any Press Members present. None present.

Remarks by President Vistasp Karbhari, questions from the Senate

- **Thank you:**
 - i. Thank you to faculty for your teaching. We are especially pleased regarding the four Outstanding Teaching Awards received by UTA faculty. Teaching remains very important even with Tier 1 pursuit.
 - ii. Thank you for the carefully developed alternative ways of funding leaves for research and scholarship submitted by the Senate. It is being carefully reviewed by the deans.
- **Senator Questions:**
 - i. Question re the status of LEER Funds, which are Library, Equipment, Repair, and Rehabilitation funds that come from the Permanent University Fund (PUF): do we know how those funds are going to be allotted? (Cavanaugh/Music): VK- no details are available, hope to obtain soon.
 - ii. Question re Campus Safety especially late nights (Semington /education): VK-several initiatives are under review. Will be hiring more police this year.
 - iii. Question re Status of UT Self-Services (People Soft) (Rick/CE): VK- many issues exist system-wide with these services. UTA trying to address these. Apparently UT system rolled programs out prior to completion! Be patient with our UTA staff who are trying to develop work-arounds and other fixes.
 - iv. Question re hiring new Research Director UTARI (Dancila/Engineering): UTA has hired Mickey McAbe, a very experienced research administrator with both corporate and academic experience.

Remarks by David Silva, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

- 6/305 HOP- clarification of the university P & T committee with no graduate dean secondary to university structural changes. Other

important policy updates to the HOP can be found at

<http://www.uta.edu/provost/faculty-affairs/dfa-news/FAN016.php>

- P & T general principle: If candidate comes up early for review, dossier should be exceptional. A person may not be considered for tenure more than two times.
- Peer Review of Teaching: UTA the first campus to implement. See link in latest Faculty Affairs newsletter for full details.
- UTA Faculty Orientation: approximately 185 faculty attended all or some part. Provost website contains a slide deck of the *Top 10 Things Faculty at UTA Need to Know*.
- 4th Floor library meeting space for up to 16 faculty will be ready in early November.

Quorum Call. A quorum is present.

Approval of the minutes. Sol: request for any corrections to April 2014 minutes. Motion to approve made and seconded.

Roll sheet. The roll was passed. Senators were asked to indicate by writing NP or name plate next to their name if they require this.

Reports

- Chair- Report was sent to the President in the summer regarding summer salary recommendations and FDL.
 - i. Questions to chair:
 1. Hall/Accounting: Have we tested or evaluated the student feedback evaluations forms? Are these data correlated in any way with student learning? Have we evaluated the relationships of demographic or other data with faculty results. Several senators voiced concerns that these evaluations were being used in merit and other decisions perhaps without foundation or appropriateness for this. Response: NO. Silva encourage any faculty to consider doing this.
- Vice-chair Tom Ingram reports on Faculty Advisory Matters
 - i. Committee met with outgoing chancellor and exec VC who indicated full support for shared governance and this will be communicated to the new chancellor. He will be onboard mid-September.
 - ii. UT Sytem FAC- Tom Ingram and Toni Sol are our representatives to this committee. Regent Hall refused to resign his position although asked to do so. The UT President is in his resignation year.
 - iii. The committee emphasized the importance of separating observation from evaluation in the new Peer Review process.

- iv. A revised UT System Intellectual Property policy is under review and many concerns exist regarding its broad scope. Several comments were made about this policy. Ingram to bring back further information. Additional senators expressed concern regarding ECHO 360 recordings with emphasis on ownership and permissions for use.

Committee Reports-none

Old Business none.

New business

- Election for Chair
 - i. Dan Cavanaugh (Music) will stand as a nominee for chair. Tom Ingram requested any additional nominations be forwarded to the nominations committee.
 - ii.
- Committee Elections & Sign Ups
 - i. Toni Sol passed a list of committees for senators to sign up for committees.
 - ii. Senators convened to their respective colleges to elect committee reps.

Adjournment. 4:15.

Submitted 10 September 2014 by Maureen Courtney standing in for Douglas Klahr as Secretary