Meeting Summary

Program / Project Name: Faculty Senate meeting
Meeting: UT Health San Antonio- ALTC #205
Date: April 11, 2018
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Attendees:
Present: Martha Acosta, Cheryl Burns, Ricky Joseph, Brent Shriver, Suman Challa, Daniel Perez, Isabel Contreras, Y.W. Francis Lam, Raushan Kurmasheva, Ramon Cestero, Shweta Bansal, Christie Bialowas, Elizabeth Casiano Evans, Marisa Earley, Samir Patel, Norma Martinez Rogers


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Senate Chair Professor Cheryl Burns called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Professor Burns invited Dr. Mok to provide campus updates. Dr. Mok thanked the Senators for their participation in the SACSCOC reaffirmation site visit at the end of March. She gave particular recognition for the contributions of Dr. Ricky Joseph for his leadership in developing the university's QEP proposal. Dr. Mok outlined the next steps in the process and noted that the full Commission would vote on the university’s decennial reaccreditation at its December 2018 meeting. Dr. Mok also informed the Senate that the Annual Interest Questionnaire would be distributed through the Qualtrics survey platform the week of April 16th and would be open for faculty to declare their interest through early May. Once results are tabulated and vetted through department chairs or supervisors, the lists would be shared with the Senate's Institutional Committees Appointment Committee so that recommendations could be made to President Henrich by early August.

Professor Burns then introduced three chairs of institution-wide committees to present their annual reports to the Senate; Dr. Alfredo Arribas, Library Committee; Dr. Darlene Metter, Radioactive Drug & Research Committee; and Professor Bruce Butterfras, Physical Safety Committee.

Each committee chair presented an overview of the charge of the committee and highlighted the activities that the committee performed in the current year. In the case of the two regulatory advisory committees (Physical Safety and Radioactive Drug & Research Committee), the chairs also spoke about their statutory roles to ensure institutional compliance. (PPT presentations attached.)

Professor Burns thanked Drs. Metter and Arribas and Professor Butterfras for their efforts.

The Senate then moved to committee discussions. Following individual committee deliberations, the chairs of the Senate standing committees reported to the full Senate.

Dr. Earley reported that the Governance Committee's focus will be to increase awareness of the Senate through quarterly communications on the role of the Senate and recent accomplishments; to increase access to institutional metrics such as financial dashboards; to launch a referral list so that faculty can know where to find resources to
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assist them and to build stronger alliances between the Faculty Senate and the individual school-based Faculty Assemblies.

Dr. Joseph reported that the Faculty Status and Welfare Committee was continuing work on the e-handbook for new faculty orientation. The committee would also reach out to Dr. Cindy Sickora, Vice Dean for Practice and Engagement in the School of Nursing and supervisor of the Employee Health and Wellness Clinic, to facilitate discussions about faculty wellness and faculty burnout. The committee also wanted to engage in discussion to understand each school’s faculty compensation plan.

Dr. Bialowas reported that the Scholarly Activities committee would continue to look at an institutional testing center. Dr. Challa reminded Senators that the School of Nursing’s computer classroom, with more than sixty individual computers, was available for institutional use. The issue of having proctoring resources available centrally, as well as the management of ADA accommodations for students were raised. The committee also noted that institutional familiarity with research collaborations is not widely known; it was suggested that the Vice President for Research be invited to a future Senate meeting to engage in dialogue.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.