

<p><b>MEETING SUMMARY</b></p>	<p><b>Program / Project Name:</b></p>	<p>Faculty Senate meeting</p>
	<p><b>Meeting:</b> <b>Date:</b> <b>Time:</b></p>	<p>UT Health San Antonio- ALTC #205 May 9, 2018 4:00 pm – 4:40 pm</p>
<p><b>ATTENDEES:</b></p>	<p>Present: Cheryl Burns, Ricky Joseph, Suman Challa, Isabel Contreras, Y.W. Francis Lam, Christie Bialowas, Samir Patel, Anand Prasad, Peter Guarnero, Herlinda Zamora</p> <p>Absent: Martha Acosta, Brent Shriver, Cara Gonzales, John Hanlon, Daniel Perez, Raushan Kurmasheva, Yanfen Hu, Shweta Bansal, Ramon Cestero, Elizabeth Casiano Evans, Marisa Earley, Elizabeth Scherer, Peter Guarnero, Carolyn Pickering, Norma Martinez Rogers</p>	

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

Professor Burns invited three faculty members – Dr. David Kolodrubetz, Dr. Michael Huber, and Dr. Tracey Page – to provide reports from the university-wide committees they chair or facilitate. Dr. Kolodrubetz presented information about the Institutional Biosafety Committee, characterizing the work of the committee as one that works in concert with the IRB and IACUC. According to Dr. Kolodrubetz, the IRB focuses on safety issues from the perspective of the subject of the research; IACUC focuses on animal safety; and Institutional Biosafety focuses on the safety of the researcher. He noted that the Biosafety Committee has fifteen members whose membership requirements are defined by regulatory bodies. The Committee works closely in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Health and Safety and meets monthly to review and approve proposals.

Dr. Huber is the current chair of the Chemical Safety Committee. He stated that the committee meets quarterly to review projects related to workplace safety. Environmental Health and Safety also supports the work of the Chemical Safety Committee; among the projects that the committee has undertaken are efforts to create standard operating procedure documents and checklists for our research community.

Dr. Page reported on behalf of the Campus Health and Wellness Committee and its Committee Chair Beth Payne and Dr. Cindy Sickora, School of Nursing Vice Dean for Practice and Engagement. Dr. Page outlined the range of wellness activities that the committee has promoted, in conjunction with the Employee Health and Wellness Clinic: Fall Wellness Event; Heart Walk; Lunch and Learn series on topics such as mindfulness and nutrition; Activity Challenges. The committee also collaborated with Facilities Management on the placement of new outdoor fitness equipment.

Professor Burns thanked the presenters for providing their public annual reports and extended the appreciation of the Faculty Senate for their important contributions.

Professor Burn then introduced Ms. Heather Kobbe, Senior Director, Talent Management, in the Office of Human Resources. Ms. Kobbe solicited feedback from the Senators about proposed ideas to improve and enhance

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employee recognition programs. She noted that one of the outcomes of the employee engagement surveys (both the staff survey and faculty survey) was a desire to develop more meaningful ways for faculty and staff to be connected to the institution. Among the ideas that Senators offered were extending the communication circle when employees are recognized for their length of service to UT Health and hosting a more inclusive reception to recognize employees.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.