Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, April 13th, 2016
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Meeting was called to order by Dr. Suman Challa, Chair-Elect

- **Announcements – Dr. Suman Challa**
  - Asking for ideas of discussion or guest speakers at future meetings.

- **Campus Update - Dr. Jacqueline Mok, Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs:**
  - Graduate students held a successful science fair at La Villita.
  - Congratulations to Dr. Williams and Dr. Shriver who each won awards in Teaching Excellence.
  - Featured presentations at the Fiesta of Education that was held April 7th, 2016:
    - “It Clicks” Interprofessional teams collaborative learning to improve communication, knowledge and skills. Thank you Dr. Joseph for being a strong leader!
    - “Quest for Career Success” by Dr. Teresa Evans and others have been working on together.
    - “Critical Think Tank” where students can develop the kind of critical reasoning skill that they will need to solve problems.
  - A Quality Enhancement Survey is now available on-line through May 9th
    [www.uthscsa.edu/qep](http://www.uthscsa.edu/qep)

- **Owen Ellard, Director of UTHSCSA Libraries**
  - New proposal to move away from print journals if they are available electronically. The library has acquired a new web service and app called “BrowZine” allowing users to create a “bookshelf” with their preferred journals. More information can be found at [http://library.uthscsa.edu/2016/03/browzine-trial-now-through-april-14th/](http://library.uthscsa.edu/2016/03/browzine-trial-now-through-april-14th/)
  - Older journals that are not available electronically will be moved to an offsite storage location.

- **Mike Tesh, Vice President, Human Resources**
  - At the President’s request, a committee was formed representing both the institution’s faculty and staff. This committee is to select an outside firm that will put together an engagement survey for the university. Having a third party conduct such survey will commit towards the anonymity of responses. There were four organizations that bid on this opportunity:
    - Sibson Consulting
    - Price Waterhouse Cooper
    - McWright Consulting
    - Press Ganey
After being ranked by the committee, Sibson was favored at number one. They are quite accomplished in conducting engagement measures (no longer known as employee satisfaction). It will look at areas such as “How do we retain staff? How do we ensure that we are an employer of choice?”

This decision will be brought before the Executive Committee in order to establish and initialize a “roll-out” plan.

- Dr. Suman Challa, FAC Update from Austin
  - The Chancellor was in favor of shared governance and has committed to encourage it. The more input we have from faculty members, the better.
  - There were a few other topics discussed, but because the Executive Committee is working on solutions, we will share it as soon as possible.

Members Present: Ricky Joseph, Cheryl Burns, Brent Shriver, Suman Challa, Norma Partida, Francis Lam, Helen Parsons, Danet Lapiz-Bluhm, Carol White

Members Absent: Greg Ernst, Cara Gonzales, Hassem Geha, Benjamin Eaton, Raushan Kurmasheva, Arthur Chang, Elizabeth Casiano Evans, Anand Prasad, Manoj Panday, Lori Pounds, Maxim Eckmann, Shweta Bansal, Brian Eastridge, Rajeshwar Rao Tekmal, Rebecca Bonugli, Lisa Cleveland

Next meeting Wednesday May 11th, 2016.