

MEETING SUMMARY	Program / Project Name:	Faculty Senate meeting
	Meeting:	UT Health San Antonio- ALTC #205
	Date:	August 9, 2017
	Time:	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
ATTENDEES:		Suman Challa, Cheryl Burns, Martha Acosta, Ricky Joseph, Brent Shriver, Jeff Hicks (for Norma Partida), Christie Bialowas, Ramon Cestero, Brian Eastridge, Elizabeth Casiano Evans, Samir Patel, Raushan Kurmasheva, Melissa Earley, Danet Lapiz-Bluhm
ABSENT:		Hassem Geha, Cara Gonzales, Benjamin Eaton, Y.W. Francis Lam, Shweta Bansal, Brian Eastridge, Maxim Eckmann, Anand Prasad, Lori Pounds, Lisa Cleveland, Norma Martinez Rogers, Herlinda Zamora

AGENDA AND ASSOCIATED DISCUSSION

Synopsis:

- ✓ Presentation by Mr. Black and Ms. Marks on FY 2018 State Budget
- ✓ Open Session with President Henrich

Meeting was called to order by Senate Chair Dr. Challa at 4:02 PM

Presentation on FY 2018 State Budget

After welcoming the Senators, Dr. Challa introduced Mr. Black, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Andrea Marks, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Black and Ms. Marks wanted to return the Senate to report on the outcome of the legislative session and the FY 2018-2019 biennium budget. (See PDF of presentation.) Ms. Marks summarized that new funding for the Barshop Institute and the university's Alzheimer/neurological diseases initiatives offset other reductions in base funding and cuts in special items. Additional ongoing expenses related to insurance premiums and institutional operating costs result in an effective reduction of 4.7%.

Among the reductions was a sizeable cut to the Regional Campus in Laredo: one impact will be a delay in expanding the physician assistant studies program. There is the potential that expansion could begin in two years.

Open Session with President Henrich

President Henrich expressed appreciation to Speaker of the House Strauss, who assisted UT Health San Antonio with the inclusion of \$5 million for Barshop Alzheimer research. He shared with the Senators the design schemata for the Barshop Institute's new location on the north campus, across Floyd Curl Dr. from the STRF. Other major remodeling is underway in the School of Nursing and School of Dentistry buildings.

President Henrich provided updates on major academic leadership searches. He welcomed the arrival of Dr. Ruben Mesa, the new director of the UT Health Cancer Center, and stated that interviews with finalists for the Biggs

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Institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Diseases are being conducted as are first-round campus interviews for candidates for the deanship of the Long School of Medicine.

On the topic of evaluating academic administrators, President Henrich thanked the Senators and the Senate Officers for their dedication to this important discussion topic, and said that he asked School of Nursing Dean Breslin to work with Senate leadership on formalizing processes.

President Henrich reminded the Senators of the Fall Faculty Reception on September 27 and the President’s Gala on September 23. Asked about our current endowment climate and how faculty can help, President Henrich noted that faculty are excellent resources for identifying grateful patient opportunities and for connecting the university with community needs.

Dr. Challa adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

RISKS & ISSUES IDENTIFIED

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS

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