**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Program / Project Name:** Faculty Senate meeting  
**Meeting:** UT Health San Antonio- ALTC #205  
**Date:** September 13, 2017  
**Time:** 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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**ATTENDEES:**
Suman Challa, Cheryl Burns, Ricky Joseph, Brent Shriver, Y.W. Francis Lam, Shweta Bansal, Christie Bialowas, Ramon Cestero, Lori Pounds, Melissa Earley, Danet Lapiz-Bluhm, Lisa Cleveland, Herlinda Zamora, Carolyn Pickering, Yanfen Hu, John Hanlon

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**AGENDA AND ASSOCIATED DISCUSSION**

**Synopsis:**
- Presentation of Awards and Certificates of Appreciation
- Closed session for Senate business

Meeting was called to order by Senate Chair Dr. Challa at 4:05 PM

**Year-end summary**

Dr. Challa presented his reflections on what the Faculty Senate accomplished in the past year. He reported progress on developing a 360-degree upward evaluation process for academic administrators; affirmed Faculty Senate representation on search committees for major searches such as the Long School of Medicine’s decanal search; highlighted the School of Nursing’s computer classroom as a location where computerized testing could be held; brought the need for more lactation rooms to senior level campus awareness; showcased the report from the ad hoc committee on faculty mentoring, which articulated ways in which faculty mentoring could be expanded; advanced discussion about the non-compete clauses in faculty clinical practices; and consolidated the work of the Committee on Committees in the Faculty Senate, resulting in the establishment of the Institutional Committee Appointments Committee.

Dr. Challa concluded his remarks by urging the new and returning Senators to remain engaged in faculty shared governance.

**Presentation of Awards**

Dr. Pounds presented three awards. The Faculty Leadership Award was given to Dr. Patrick Nguyen, Department of Surgery. Dr. Alan Frazer, Chair, Department of Pharmacology and Dr. Gregory Abrahamian, Director of Renal Transplantation, were recognized as the recipients of Administration Leadership Awards.

Certificates of appreciation were announced for Drs. Eastridge, Eckmann, Pounds, Prasad, Cleveland, and Lapiz Bluhm for their service as Senators. Dr. Challa was given a gift of appreciation for his service as Chair.

The Senate meeting was closed to Senators only at 4:40 pm. At the conclusion of the closed meeting, it was announced that Dr. Ramon Cestero was elected unanimously as Chair-Elect.