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Faculty Senate

2024-2025 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 3pm – 5pm Zoom Webinar

Community Agreement

The UTRGV Faculty Senate is brought together in the spirit of shared governance to move forward in a positive, open manner for input that allows all stakeholders to speak regarding policy and process. To create a productive environment where everyone's opinions are valued and considered, let us observe the following:

- 1. Try to be on time to the meeting and actively participate*
- 2. Review the pre-reading materials to be discussed, and if you plan to comment have your thoughts organized in advance*
- 3. Assume positive intent, seek to understand, be inclusive, bring productive energy to discussions*
- 4. Only one person speaks at a time (use raise hand feature to be recognized) - chat is not part of the official record (will not be included in the minutes).*
- 5. Respect and acknowledge everyone's opinions, even if they differ from yours*
- 6. Confidentiality: some things shouldn't be repeated outside the meeting*

3:00 – 3:05 pm	Call to order; Parliamentarian report by Dr. Silvia Solis
3:05 – 3:10 pm	Secretary report by Dr. Owen Temby; February minutes
3:10 – 3:25 pm	President report by Dr. Chris Gabler: Progress report, legislation to watch, our commitment to equity, and our proposed financial exigency policy
3:25 – 3:30 pm	President-Elect report by Dr. Sarah Williams-Blangero

3:30 – 3:45 pm	Reports from the Faculty Senate Faculty Rules and Governance Committee and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee regarding proposed revisions to HOP ADM 06-503 (Tenure-Track Faculty Appointments, Evaluations, and Reappointments) and ADM 06-504 (Tenured Faculty Evaluation), including faculty feedback concerning the proposed changes
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Q&A regarding proposed revisions to HOP ADM 06-503 and ADM 06-504 and the Faculty Senate’s formal response
4:00 – 4:15 pm	Guest presentation by Dr. Brian Evans, President of the Texas AAUP, regarding SB 17 and other DEI-related Executive Orders and legislation, and their impacts on faculty teaching, research, and service
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Q&A with Brian Evans regarding SB 17 and DEI laws and orders
4:30 – 4:45 pm	Discussion and potential vote on a Non-Tenure Track/Professional Faculty Standing Committee by Dr. Michelle Alvarado and Dr. Silvia Solis
4:45 – 4:50 pm	Decide on the date and time of the Faculty Senate Special Session to discuss our response to the proposed changes to HOP ADM 06-503 and ADM 06-504
4:50 – 5:00 pm	New business; if time permits, brief floor discussion regarding feedback on the proposed financial exigency policy language
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