

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley™

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Faculty Senate

2024-2025 Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda **Tuesday, April 8, 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*

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| 3:00 – 3:05 pm | Call to order; Parliamentarian's report by Dr. Silvia Solis |
| 3:05 – 3:10 pm | Secretary's report by Dr. Owen Temby; March minutes |
| 3:10 – 3:20 pm | President's report by Dr. Chris Gabler: Progress report, Senate Bill 37, and Faculty Senate standing committee annual reports |
| 3:20 – 3:25 pm | President-Elect's report by Dr. Sarah Williams-Blangero |
| 3:25 – 3:35 pm | Guest presentation by Veronica Gonzales, Senior Vice President for Governmental and Community Relations, regarding Senate Bill 37 and other higher education bills during the 89th Texas legislative session |
| 3:35 – 3:45 pm | Q&A regarding SB 37 and the 89th Texas legislative session |
| 3:45 – 3:55 pm | Guest presentation by Dr. Robert Dearth, Associate Vice Provost for |

Faculty Affairs, and Maggie Cronn, Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, regarding the Faculty Senate's feedback on revisions to HOP ADM 06-503 and 06-504 and the next steps in the HOP revision process

Note: The OVPFA has declined to participate in a Q&A session at this time.

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| 3:55 – 4:05 pm | Guest presentation by Dr. Cynthia Jones, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Office of Advocacy and Violence Prevention, regarding the OAVP's role and services offered |
| 4:05 – 4:15 pm | Q&A regarding the Office of Advocacy and Violence Prevention |
| 4:15 – 4:35 pm | Discussion and potential vote on the proposed new financial exigency policy language by Dr. Chris Gabler |
| 4:35 – 5:00 pm | New business |
| 5:00 pm | Adjourn |