



2020-2021

Faculty Senate Meeting III

via zoom

Friday, July 17, 2020

2:00pm - 4:30pm

Minutes

**Minutes prepared by Nancy Nadeau, UTRGV Faculty Senate, Secretary**

**Senators Present:** Abdullah Faiz Rahman, Amy Cummins, Andrea Schwarzbach, Andrew Anabila, Arnulfo Mar, Bruno Arthur, , Christine Gerin,, Ayleen Godreau , Cynthia Cripps, Cynthia Paccacerqua, Dae Joon Kim, Dana Shackelford, Dean Kyne, Denise Silcox, Eleftherios Gkioulekas, Fuat Firat, George Diaz, Hale Kaynak, Irving Levinson, Jameela Banu, John Luna, John VandeBerg, Jonathan Guist, Jorge Vidal, , Karin Lewis, Kip Austin Hinton, KyeHwan Lee, Linda Belau, Marcela Hebbard, Mark L Dantzker, Michael Persans, Micky Caruntu, Miguel Salazar, Mircea Chipara, Miryam Espinosa-Dulanto, Paul Valadez, Punit Ahluwalia, Rachel Mann, Randall Monty, Raquel Estrada, Rene Gonzalez, Robert Magee, Salma Mahmood, Sandra Atkins, Sergey Grigorian, Sharon Helsley-Mcginley, Sonja Arredondo, Stephanie Atkins Sharpe, Tekla Hawkins, Teri Pistokache, Ulku Karabulut, Vejoya Viren, Wendy Innis, William Sokoloff, William Yaworsky, Yingchen Yang, Zen Faulkes, Karl Berg, Junfei Li, Owen Temby.

**Senators Absent:** Aziza Zemrani, Charles Olney, Clarissa Salinas, Donald Lyles, Hansheng Lei, Khalid Aada, Michael Machiorlatti, Narayan Bhat, Randy Williamson, Sam Sale, Soojin Yoo, Louis Falk.

**Visitors(s):** None

**President:** Cynthia Paccacerqua

**Past President:** Volker Quetschke

**President-Elect:** Karin Lewis

**Faculty Senate Liaison:** Vanessa Ceballos

I. Convene Meeting

Start at 2:02 pm – 62/74 senators attended the zoom meeting

II. Report for FS

A. Fall 2020 Communication (Led by Dr. Arney, taskforce attended by Volker and Cynthia for FSEC to ensure dissemination of information)

a. Landing page: <https://link.utrgv.edu/options/> for students

i. Fall 2020 Course Offerings & Safety Procedures

- ii. Course modalities & descriptions (asynchronous, synchronous, or hybrid/reduced seating)
  - iii. Safety & campus operations
  - iv. Support services
  - v. Archive of Key communications
  - vi. FAQs (been asked for help)
- b. <https://www.utrgv.edu/coronavirus/updates/2020-07-09/index.htm>
- i. Questions for Fall/Spring classes & concerns
    1. Senator Aziza to use Pass no credit grade for Fall 2020 again? Senator Cynthia will ask
    2. Senator Robert: Modalities deadline: Class Fall 2020? Senator Cynthia will ask (flexibility/policies)
    3. Senator Firat: COLTT to give training seminar on Ultra/other technology items – to ask your Chair/Dean for COVID 19 found for tablet/whiteboard for example
    4. Senator Michael from College of Sciences: Digital Apple (Associate-Dean: Christina Villalobos)
    5. Senator Eleftherios reported that we have a medical school who did not say anything about options for treating the virus but shared about he has found: first 3days: hydrochloroquine with zinc and antibiotics and for prophylactic treatment is hydroxychloroquine but nothing has been done. Just get tested positive or negative: go home and good luck – if bad: go to the hospital.
    6. Senator Kyehwan: Microsoft office with touch screen & software support – need the support for faculty & students (student access to technology to email Cynthia)
    7. Senator Hale: Take time to do caption and picture/accessibility – need faculty support by COLTT online teaching
    8. Senator Micrea: Building air conditioner/concerns with filters – risks for students/faculty
    9. Senator Ulku: Respondus vs alternative systems
    10. Senator Irving: Students are happy to stay online/asynchronous
    11. Senator Vidal: Students’ survey: need the data? But it is summer and not checking their utrgv email
  - c. Course Designations & Modalities on ASSIST and elsewhere  
<https://www.utrgv.edu/ucentral/registration/course-options/>
    - i. For students to register/support
  - d. Technology
    - i. Provide guidance to students regarding computer software/RAM
  - e. Course Availability on Blackboard
    1. Course Syllabus Template: to upload to FPT – clear to students/modalities/technology/wear facemask/make available to students/policy if student gets sick/facilitating communication with

students to address/student accessibility services –  
recommendations/Student’s health letter from Mexico

B. Call for nomination’s recruitment

<https://www.utrgv.edu/facultysenate/committees/academic-committees-and-council-membership/no>

1. Significance of Committees

Senator Micky suggested having the Chair of the committees come and report to the Faculty Senate for 2 -5 minutes every month.

2. Nomination via online portal only can be self-nominated & recommended, then the FSEC reviews the nomination and send it to EVP of the division/dean for final process.

III. Old Business

A. Blueprinted Master Courses:

1. No Final Shared Ownership Contract Document

2. Clarify

- Tell your faculty there is no ownership contract (own by UTRGV/faculty)
- Clarity: Continue to give clarity – “walk away” if you don’t like co-ownership & copyright issues
- Senator Hale: waste of money – change 2 years due to technology/become obsolete
- Senator Mircea: Cautious with copyright & responsibility
- Cynthia is working with Dr. Arney due to the lack of clarity by COLTT & Dr. Grewal. Faculty will not be the sole owner of the course.

B. Past Motion Re: Comprehensive Annual Reviews

1. Next steps

- a. Comprehensive Annual Review for post tenure review (repercussions & impact of CoVI-19), to bring to Dr. Arney and for follow-up by Senator Cynthia

IV. New Business:

- Intellectual Property and Research Data Policy (Policy Number: ADM 07-400)
  - Welcome feedback after reading particularly for patent or commercialize it
  - Senator Eleftherios discussed “open source” like software/copyright
  - Senator Volker discussed concern on the violation of the commercialization rights of UTRGV
- Workload
  - Faculty have concerns services are not represented due to 100% teaching
  - For Service should be 10% = 4-5 hours service – to find a balance with teaching, research & service is challenging

V. Adjournment 4:25 pm – Happy Summer everyone – Next meeting in September.