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STUDENT, FACULTY, AND STAFF CAMPUS LIFE
COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting: 8/11/2010
Austin, Texas

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Chairman Dannenbaum
U. T. System: Annual Meeting with Officers of the U. T.
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10:30 a.m.
1. **U. T. System: Annual Meeting with Officers of the U. T. System Faculty Advisory Council**

**REPORT**

The U. T. System Faculty Advisory Council will meet with the Board to discuss accomplishments of the Council and plans for the future following the agenda below. Council members scheduled to attend are:

**Chair:** Daniel Formanowicz, Ph.D., U. T. Arlington, Biology

**Former Chair:** Mansour El-Kikhia, Ph.D., U. T. San Antonio, Political Science & Geography

**Chair-Elect:** Timothy Allen, Ph.D., U. T. Health Science Center – Tyler, Pathology

**AGENDA**

1. Introductions

2. Chairperson’s report and overview  
   (see PowerPoint presentation on Pages 359 - 372)

3. Standing Committee presentation

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of Texas System Faculty Advisory Council was established in 1989 to provide a forum for communicating ideas and information between faculty, the Board of Regents, and the Executive Officers of U. T. System. Council guidelines require that recommendations have a multi-institutional focus and that the Council explore individual campus issues with institutional administrators prior to any consideration. The Faculty Advisory Council consists of two faculty representatives from each U. T. System institution and meets quarterly. The Standing Committees of the Council are: Academic Affairs and Faculty Quality, Governance, and Health Affairs.
U. T. System Faculty Advisory Council Annual Report

Dr. Daniel Formanowicz, Chair

U. T. System Board of Regents’ Meeting
Campus Life Committee
August 2010
What is the Faculty Advisory Council

The U. T. System Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) is advisory to the Board of Regents and U. T. System Administration and functions to:

• Define, analyze, resolve, and make recommendations on faculty issues concerning the well-being and excellence of the U. T. System

• Provide leadership in setting a strategic agenda for faculty development in the U. T. System
FAC Membership

• Two representatives plus alternate from each U. T. System institution
Mission Statement

The mission of the FAC is to provide a forum for communicating ideas and information between faculty, the Board of Regents, and the Executive Officers of U. T. System.
Charge to The University of Texas System Faculty Advisory Council

The FAC is charged with:

1. Identifying and responding to issues of concern to the FAC membership, U. T. System faculty, the Board of Regents, and U. T. System Administration.

2. Conducting fact-finding, background exploration, exposition, analysis, and deliberation on such issues and to develop recommendations and/or action plans.

3. Disseminating information to the Board of Regents, faculty, and administrators of U. T. System institutions.
FAC Activities 2009-2010

• Conversations
• Development of Resolutions
• Discussion of Issues
Conversations

Regents
• James Huffines
• Janiece Longoria

Legislators
• State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer
• Chairman Dan Branch
Conversations (cont.)

U. T. System Administration

- Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa
- Executive Vice Chancellor Kenneth Shine
- Executive Vice Chancellor David Prior
- Vice Chancellor Barry McBee
- Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Barry Burgdorf
- Systemwide Compliance Officer Larry Plutko
- Associate Vice Chancellor and Deputy General Counsel Dan Sharphorn
- Associate Vice Chancellor Pedro Reyes
- Vice Chancellor Keith McDowell
- Associate Vice Chancellor Lisa Leiden
Conversations (cont.)

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes
- Assistant Director of Academic Programs Vanessa Davis
Discussion of Issues

- Financial Exigency (Regents’ Rule 31003)
- Faculty Review of Campus Policies & Procedures
- New Faculty Mentoring & Orientation
- Health Insurance Benefits
- HB 2504 – Posting of Syllabi & Credentials
- Faculty Recruitment & Retention
- Enrollment Growth at Health Institutions
- State Board of Education Standards & Practices
Discussion of Graduate Students

• Graduate Student Recruitment & Retention
  ▪ Importance of graduate students to the academic enterprise
  ▪ Competition for graduate students depends on resources

• Stipends for Graduate Assistantships

• Tuition Fellowships and Waivers (Texas public institutions cannot waive tuition for graduate students)

• Health Benefits
## Graduate Stipends

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Tuition & Benefits

- 100% Tuition Waivers (payment of fees varies), 75-100% health plan costs

University of South Florida, University of Central Florida, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Arkansas, University of Albany - SUNY, Oregon State University, and University of Central Oklahoma
Ongoing and Future Activities

• Increase our conversations with Regents and Legislators
• Assist Executive Vice Chancellors Shine & Prior in the development of consistent policies for U. T. System Institutions
• Respond to reports that involve faculty issues and provide input as needed
• Increase interaction with the student and staff advisory councils
• Monitor legislative developments that impact higher education