College of Business Faculty Forum
Friday, November 10, 2017, BB 2.01.18, 2:00 p.m.


I. Dr. Thomas Thomson called the Faculty Forum to order
II. Approval of minutes – Dr. Thomas Thomson
III. Introduction by Dean Gerry Sanders of Dr. Taylor Eighmy – President of UTSA
   a. Dr. Eighmy discussed his vision of UTSA moving forward, including strategic themes and initiatives for UTSA in our pursuit of Tier One states.
   b. Dr. Eighmy took several questions from the faculty regarding the initiatives and future plans for the University and their impact on the College of Business.
IV. Dean’s Report – Dean Gerry Sanders
   a. Dean Sanders discussed the growth in enrollment in the College of Business in the Undergraduate (19%) and Graduate programs (49%). Dean Sanders also discussed the Undergraduate Cyber Security and Graduate Data Analytics programs as drivers of the growth in enrollment.
   b. Graduation rates at the Undergraduate level for first-time students are increasing on a year-to-year basis.
   c. Dean Sanders noted that externally funded research in the College of Business is up 676% over the past four years. Dean Sanders also highlighted an associated increase in tier-one research publications by the faculty.
   d. Dean Sanders reviewed the College’s budget report with the Faculty. The budget report will be posted on online for detailed review by faculty members, as desired.
V. Unfinished Business – Dr. Thomas Thomson
   a. A vote on changes to undergraduate programs was carried out after the previous Faculty Forum. The results of that vote were strongly in favor of all proposed changes.
VI. Undergraduate Program Report – Dr. Kevin Grant
a. Voting is planned the week of November 13th over the changes planned for the 2018-2020 Undergraduate Catalog. These will include:
   i. A change in the sequencing of Math courses with an accompanying change in the delivery model for the course material. The single Math course will be divided into two, with the first focusing on Algebra and the second addressing Calculus and higher math for business.
   ii. A new Microsoft Excel-intensive course that students may take as an alternate to the current Common Body of Knowledge course IS 1403 Business Information Systems Fluency. The new course will be encouraged for students in specific quantitatively-focused programs and will prepare students to take the Microsoft entry-level certification exam for Excel.
   iii. New program Tracks:
      1. IT Project Management
      2. Cyber Analytics
      3. Supply Chain Management
      4. Business Analytics
   iv. Reinstatement of Direct Admissions based on specific student qualifications (placement in high school graduating class, college entrance exam scores, or transfer GPA)
   v. Establishment of a Business Honors Program

VII. New Business – Dr. Thomas Thomson
a. Dr. Thomson communicated that several faculty from various departments had approached him with concerns they felt needed to be addressed, but that were perhaps not best addressed by the entire Faculty Forum. According to our Bylaws, the Faculty Forum Executive Committee is the appropriate group to bring such concerns to the Dan. A meeting between Dean Sanders and the Committee will be scheduled for early spring term, with a report of the meeting results to be shared with the full faculty.

b. Dr. Karen Williams encouraged faculty to participate in the annual SECC campaign; Friday November 10th was the last day to participate.

c. Election of Officers for 2018
   i. Current officers (Dr. Thomas Thomson, Chair; Ms. Terri Davis, Secretary, and Dr. Ken Weiher, Parliamentarian) were nominated for new terms.
   ii. The slate of candidates was re-elected to their current offices for an additional year.

d. The Undergraduate Faculty Forum was adjourned.
College of Business Graduate Faculty Forum

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I. Dr. Elaine Sanders called the Graduate Faculty Forum to order.

II. 2019-2020 Graduate Catalog Timeline – Dr. Elaine Sanders
   a. The timeline was not yet available for presentation

III. Graduate Programs Enrollment Update – Dr. Dan Davied
   a. There are currently 850 students enrolled in College of Business Graduate Programs.
   b. Enrollment in all Graduate Programs is up with the MSDA and MACY programs accounting for a significant portion of the growth.

IV. Ph.D. Program Update – Dr. Manuel Sanchez
   a. Dr. Sanchez recognized the members of the SEAL team who have been working on the Ph.D. program efforts and thanked them for their work.
   b. Dr. Sanchez also recognized all the members of the Ph.D. Committee and thanked them for their service as well.
   c. The College of Business has graduated over 100 Ph.D. students since 2002; current enrollment is 75.
   d. Dr. Sanchez presented break downs of the current Ph.D. students by specific Ph.D. program and length of time in the program; he noted that 39% of currently enrolled students are in, or beyond, their fifth year.
   e. Dr. Sanchez discussed the next steps in reviewing and improving the Ph.D. programs at the College of Business level:
      i. Faculty Focus Groups
      ii. Ph.D. Advisors
      iii. An Innovation Group (Dr. Sanchez encourages all faculty interested in participating to contact him)

V. Business of Health Certificate – Dr. Sanders noted it that this item had been removed from the agenda.

VI. There was no unfinished business

VII. New Business – Dr. Elaine Sanders
    a. Dr. Elaine Sanders was re-elected Chair of the Graduate Faculty Forum for the coming calendar year.

VIII. The Graduate Faculty Forum was adjourned.