I. Dr. Thomas Thomson called the Faculty Forum to order

II. Approval of minutes – Dr. Thomas Thomson. Minutes of the prior forum were not immediately available for approval.

III. Dean’s Report by Dean Gerry Sanders
   a. A Town Hall meetings are scheduled for October 17th and 18th to discuss the move to the Downtown Campus. The Town Halls will be hosted by the Provost, Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy. All faculty are encouraged to attend one of the meeting.
   b. Student Success metrics were reviewed. Significant improvement has been seen at both the University and College of Business levels, with the COB exceeding the University level metrics.
   c. Strategic Enrollment metrics are also improving, supported by increasing enrollments in graduate programs, including our PhD programs.
   d. Diversity – The College of Business is actively pursuing diversity in faculty hiring to meet the Dr. Eighmy’s goals for the University.

IV. Budget Report
   a. A new budget model is being rolled out. Under the new model, the College of Business is currently operating at a loss.
   b. The new model is intended to help more fully align the College with President Eighmy’s strategic goals.
c. The floor was opened for questions. Faculty was encourage to contact the Executive Committee with any concerns or other questions.

V. Undergraduate Committee – The Undergraduate Committee had no report to share at this time.

VI. Strategic Planning 2.0 – Dr. Kevin Grant presented a review of the College of Business strategic planning over the last five years and moving into the future.
   a. In the last five years:
      i. The COB has reduced majors, minors, and concentrations in order to provide a better focus on our most important programs.
      ii. New programs have been launched to better serve our students and community.
      iii. Graduate enrollments have increased.
      iv. The number of faculty publications in highly-ranked journals has increased.
   b. Moving forward, the College of Business is aligning its strategic goals with those laid out by President Eighmy.
      i. Student Success
      ii. Public Research Excellence
      iii. Strategic Growth and Innovation Excellence
   c. Strategic Squads (Strat Squads) are being developed to look at the COB goals and refine them as well as to collect, organize, and refine input and ideas from the COB faculty, staff, and stakeholders. The Stat Squads are:
      i. Research Excellence
      ii. Student Success
      iii. Financial
      iv. Analytics Support
      v. People First
      vi. Strategic Enrollment
      vii. Downtown Initiative

VII. Faculty Survey Results – Dr. John Wald presented information resulting from a survey of COB faculty with respect to the proposed move to the Downtown Campus.

VIII. Graduate Committee Report
   a. The Assessment of Learning is ongoing in the graduate programs.
   b. There was no business for the committee to transact.

IX. SECC Campaign – Dr. Karen Williams spoke briefly about the SECC campaign, mentioning that faculty and staff could complete donation online.

X. New Business – Dr. Thomas Thomson
   a. 
b. Election of Officers for 2019
   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.

c. The Undergraduate Faculty Forum was adjourned.

**College of Business Graduate Faculty Forum**

**October 05, 2018**

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

II. Changes to Graduate Programs at UTSA – Dr. Saygin presented information on changes to Graduate Programs at the University level. The Graduate Programs overall organization at the University level is being flattened. Dr. Saygin presented an overview of the tasks involved in the current efforts:
   a. Revisit admission requirements
   b. Revisit individual program requirements
   c. Expand special admission pathways to provide a “fast lane” for UTSA students
   d. Make EMBARK more transparent
   e. Redesign the admitting process
   f. Flexible admission deadlines determined by the individual Colleges
   g. Mapping of programs in DegreeWorks
   h. More proactive use of DegreeWorks
   i. Phasing out of EMBARK
   j. Eliminating paper forms

III. Dr. Dan Hollas provided a report on MBA programs.
   a. A dual MBA degree with the UT Medical School has been proposed

IV. Graduate Program Enrollment Update – Dr. Smith presented a review of the current enrollment data for COB Graduate Programs.
   a. A steady upward trend in enrollments continues from 2016
   b. The largest Fall 2018 enrollments by program were seen in the MBA (250 students), MACY (195), MSDA (125) and MSIT (81) programs.
   c. There are currently 83 student enrolled in doctoral programs within the COB.
   d. News in Student Engagement efforts:
      i. A pantry competition to fill the UTSA Student Food Pantry
      ii. “Coffee Tuesdays”
iii. An “Ice Cream Cool Down”

e. News in Recruitment efforts:
   i. Record attendance at information sessions
   ii. Table recruiting
   iii. Strong attendance at Doctoral Information Sessions

f. Doctoral Programs Update – Dr. Juan Manuel Sanchez presented an update on COB Doctoral Programs.
   i. Key Accomplishments during the last year:
      1. A strategic plan has been put in place
      2. Infrastructure of the programs has been improved
      3. Areas of excellence within the COB Doctoral programs are being leveraged
      4. A PhD Excellence Fund has been established
      5. Relationships with the University Graduate School are being strengthened
      6. A part-time PhD program in IT/CS has been developed with a focus on Analytics and Artificial Intelligence
      7. Recruiting has been very successful
      8. Placement of PhD graduates at top-tier institutions has been very successful.

   ii. Current PhD enrollments in COB include 68 full-time students and 15 part-time students.

V. Unfinished Business – No unfinished business to transact
VI. New Business – Election of Chair for new Academic Year. Dr. Elaine Sanders was re-elected to chair the Graduate Forum.

VII. New Faculty Introductions

VIII. The Graduate Faculty Forum was adjourned.