

Faculty Senate Meeting—November 3, 2015

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Dr. Abdehamed stated that each center should have a budget and a strategic plan. He has received \$21 million each year and feels that the budget is degraded and outdated.

Dr. Abdehamed stated that the Vice President for STEM has ideas and that the faculty should have a say in each idea.

Questions and Comments:

Dr. Verma stated that there have been comments across campus that there is money but no strategic vision.

- Dr. Abdehamed stated that the RDF is about \$1 million back in the college. The 19th floor is a specific goal which is to have a library and a research center.

- Dr. Abdehamed stated that the library is a goal. He said that the College of Arts and Sciences is a goal.

- Dr. Abdehamed stated that the NIH funded grants are being used to degrade the budget.

Dr. Rajab Chaloo asked how this money is going to be used for university growth and when will we see it.

- Dr. Abdehamed stated that the President is not sure.

- Dr. Adesina stated that the President is not sure.

With the President, Dr. Verma asked Dr. Abdehamed if this is a goal.

Report from Committees and Officers:

Various committees and officers gave updates to the Faculty Senate.

Faculty Senate President Update - Dr. Verma, Faculty Senate President:

- Dr. Verma recently attended the Texas Council of Faculty Senates and met with Vice Chancellor Hallmark as well as other Faculty Senate Presidents. There were discussions on various items.
- Dr. Verma handed out information on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) 60X30 Strategic Plan (previously emailed out to senators).
- Dr. Verma opened the floor for questions and discussion regarding the issue.

Dr. Verma asked about the changes in Wisconsin and how Texas is doing?

Dr. Verma stated that it does affect the state, because they are changing their strategy.

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- The resolution process was Gal#3, which is a public bill. Higher education has not yet identified a suitable bill.
- The final goal is to have the bill passed. The goal is that the bill will be passed by the Texas Legislature. The bill will be passed by the Texas Legislature.

A committee has been formed to study the bill. The committee will report back to the faculty senate.

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SB 11 Response Committee – Dr. Bart Ballard & Mr. Randy Hughes:

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