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FALL FACULTY RETREAT AGENDA

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:15- 9 AM	Breakfast	Skyline Lounge
9 - 11 AM	Welcome & Presentation on SB37 and SB2615	Auditorium
11 - 11:10AM	Break	
11:10 - 12:30 PM	3SL Overview Mental Health & Wellbeing Dean of Students Office	Auditorium
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch	A -300
1:30 - 2:45 PM	3SL Department Fair	A -300
2:45 - 3 PM	Closing	A -300
3 PM	Tour of 3SL departments	



MORNING SPEAKERS

Dr. Loren Blanchard, President

Dr. Deborah Bordelon, Provost
and Senior Vice-President for
Academic Affairs

Dona Cornell, Vice Chancellor and
General Counsel for UHS



Faculty Accomplishments

PROMOTIONS & TENURE

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John Rountree

Associate Professor w/ Tenure
Arts and Communication

Laura Cesarco Eglin

Associate Professor w/ Tenure
English

Paul Mandell

Professor
History, Humanities, and Languages

Reynaldo Romero

Professor
History, Humanities, and Languages

Peter Li

Professor
Social Sciences

Claude Robinson

Professor
Social Sciences

PROMOTION & TENURE

College of Public Service

Liza Barros Lane

Associate Professor w/ Tenure

Criminal Justice and Social Work

Diane Miller

Professor

Urban Education

Ashwini Tiwari

Professor

Urban Education

Benjamin Soibam

Professor

*Computer Science and Engineering
Technology*

Emre Yilmaz

Associate Professor w/Tenure

*Computer Science and Engineering
Technology*

Maria Benavides

Professor

Natural Sciences

Jacob Theruvathu

Professor

Natural Sciences

Jean Nganou

Professor

Mathematics and Statistics

Katherine Shoemaker

Associate Professor w/ Tenure

Mathematics and Statistics

Zafor Ahmed

Associate Professor w/ Tenure

*Finance, Information Systems,
Economics, Risk Management*

Richard Conde

Associate Professor w/ Tenure

*General Business, Marketing and
Supply Chain Management*

Nathan Neale

Professor

Management

Austin Dejan

Associate Professor w/ Tenure

*Finance, Information Systems,
Economics, Risk Management*

Paul Fulbright

Associate Professor w/ Tenure

*General Business, Marketing and
Supply Chain Management*

Shuaifu Lin

Associate Professor w/ Tenure

*Finance, Information Systems,
Economics, Risk Management*

Robert McKee

Professor

Management

OTHER PROMOTIONS

Senior Lecturer Promotions

Joseph Davey | Department of History, Humanities, and Languages

Tara Nuwal | Department of Management

Norman Whitman | Department of History, Humanities, and Languages

Emeritus Faculty

Beth Peltz | Emeritus Associate Professor, Criminal Justice and Social Work

Michael Connell | Professor Emeritus, Urban Education

Ruth Robbins | Professor Emeritus, Finance, Information Systems, Economics, Risk Management

Dagmar Scharold | Emeritus Associate Professor, English

WELCOME TO ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



Jose Ricardo-Osorio

Dean of the College of Public Service



OFFICE UPDATES



Megan Scales | Associate Director
Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE)



Michelina Johnson | Director of
College Administration and Operations
College of Sciences and Technology



Tim Cannon | Director
UHD Law Enforcement Academy

OFFICE UPDATES

Min Kyung Lee

Director

Institute of Data Analytics

Hanna Odom

Academic Success Coordinator I

Academic Advising

Abigail Ruiz

Academic Success Coordinator I

Academic Advising



Faculty Kudos

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2024-2025 FACULTY AWARD WINNERS

Excellence in Teaching

Dr. John Rountree

Arts and Communications

Outstanding Adjunct

Dr. Carlos Cantu

History, Humanities, and Languages

Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity

Dr. Ashwini Tiwari

Urban Education

Outstanding Lecturer

Dr. Vaishali Chaubal

Natural Sciences

Excellence in Service

Dr. Krista Gehring

Criminal Justice and Social Work

Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Godwin Agboka

English

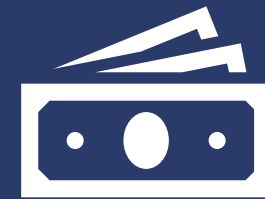
EXTERNAL FUNDING

In 2024-2025, UHD Faculty Have Submitted



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PROPOSALS

TOTALING
\$10,334,219



NEW AWARDS TOTALING
\$1,060,650

\$28,975,356
ACTIVE GRANTS TOTAL

NEW GRANTS

- **UTSA-Prep 2025-2027 | Sangeeta Gad (PI)**
- **Office of the Governor- Rifle Resistant Shields | Casey Davis (PI)**
- **Texas Department of Public Transportation & Federal Highway Administration – UND National Summer Transportation Institute Program 2025 | Mary Parker (PI)**
- **American Association of Colleges and Universities Institute for Democracy and Higher Education-Redesigning Democracy | John Rountree (PI)**

NEW GRANTS

- **National Science Foundation-Geochemical Proxies for Crutsta** | Kenneth Johnson (PI)
- **National Council for Women in Technology** | Sangeeta Gad (PI)
- **Environmental Protection Agency-Enhancing Environmental Protection** | Qiang (Ted) Li (PI)
- **National Science Foundation – Empowering STEM Students Through Structured Computational Data Science Research** | Mukesh Kumar

FACULTY KUDOS

UHD Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity during 2024-2025:



34

GRANTS



191

PUBLICATIONS



68

PRESENTATIONS

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SACSCOC

- **Access full report**
- **QEP Director posting (internal)**



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SB37 & SB2615 TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Wendy Burns-Ardolino

Carole Clerie

Jonathan Davis

Shannon Fowler

Ashleigh Petts

Judith Quander

Tim Redl

Rachna Sadana

Arpita Shroff

Liza Alonzo, Ex-officio

Emily Leffler, Ex-officio

SB37 & SB2615 TIMELINE

June 2	End of the 89 th Texas Legislative Regular Session
June 10	Initial SB37 and SB2615 UHS Task Force Meeting
June 17	Email update on the 89 th Texas Legislative session from Chancellor Khator
July 2	Initial UHD Task Force Meeting
July 9	Task Force deadline to submit ideas and modifications to proposed documents
July 10-21	UHD community review of proposed documents (extended from July 16 to July 21)
July 17-21	Provost Bordelon finalizes UHD documents with community feedback, shares with Dr. Blanchard and UHD Cabinet
July 22	Second Task Force meeting and additional UHD community feedback
July 25	UHD delivers final documents to UHS General Counsel for packet preparation
August 1	Final documents are provided to the UHS Board of Regents for review ahead of the August 21 meeting
August 13	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Faculty Retreat Presentation featuring President Blanchard, Provost Bordelon, and Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Legal Affairs Dona Cornell
August 21	UHS Board of Regents meets to approve updated documents from all UHS institutions
September 1	All changes related to SB37 and SB2615 must be implemented at all public universities in Texas