Academic Leader: Peter Crouch; BOA Leads; Ken Hall & Jim Greer

**Goal Statement:** Enhance the resources available to the College through the State legislative Process.

**Why it matters:** It is clear that many other UT System Universities and indeed Medical Schools obtain a far greater portion of state revenues relative to their mission and Size, than does UTA, for a variety of historical and political reasons. Efforts to even the playing field will enhance what the University and College can do for their students and ancillary missions.

**Status:** As of the 2019 legislative session the following is a rendition of the highlights impacting the University.

- $18.5% increase in I&O formula funding for biennium.(32M)
- $2M Increase in core research funding for biennium.
- New Special Item -UT Arlington Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Innovation funded at $3.5M for the biennium.
- Texas Research Incentive Program funded at $35M ($1M UTA share)
- Rider adopted to study adding an IT cost to the Infrastructure formula for distance education.
- Nursing Shortage Reduction Program funded at $20M, including rider to study allocation method.
- HB 2718 passed – allowing student union fee to move from $39 to $150 fall and spring, and $75 in the summer

**How:** Provide input to the UTA Vice President for Government Affairs that help build the case for the College. Provide Board Members and friends of the College for the new initiative of the annual UTA at the Capital day. Provide Engineering Students to the UTA at the Capital Day.

**What will you accomplish?:** Additional revenues to the College each biennium – if successful.

**Points of Discussion:** How better to organize BOA members and friends of the College to advocate for the College while the Legislature is not in session, both at the legislature and at UTA site visits of Legislators, with the permission of the UTA President and encouragement of Jeff Jeter. Help identify the best points of pride, generated by the College, that are persuasive to Legislators.