

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
October 11, 2007
Justin Board Room, Kelly Alumni Center

Minutes

Senators present

Bob Akin, Arnie Barkman, David Bedford, Mark Bloom, John Breyer, Art Busbey, Cynthia Chapa, Lyn Dart, Jennifer Engler, Blaise Ferrandino, Juan Floyd-Thomas, Sally Fortenberry, Misha Galaganov, Linda Harrington, Diane Hawley, Gina Hill, Fran Huckaby, Cara Jacocks, Ted Legatski, Suzy Lockwood, John Lovett, Nadia Lahutsky, Valerie Martinez-Ebers, Ed McNertney, Linda Moore, Helen Morrison, Ranjan Muttiah, Sheri Neill, Dianna Newbern, Anna Petursdottir, Marie Schein, Paul Schrodt, Michael Skinner, Maggie Thomas, John Thompson, Jeffrey Todd, David Vanderwerken, Keith Whitworth, Dan Williams, Barbara Wood, Melissa Young-Schroeder, Stu Youngblood

Senators excused

Jeffrey Bumgarner, Jesus Castro-Balbi, David Cross, Andrea Harris, Lyn Flahive, Greg Stephens, Becky Taylor

Senators absent

Guests

Nowell Donovan (Provost), Bonnie Melhart, (Associate Provost), Mike Scott, (Director of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid), Cathy Coghlan, (Assistant Director of Institutional Research), Catherine Wehlburg, (Office of Assessment and Quality Enhancement), Jordan Haygood, (Skiff Reporter)

Chair Stu Youngblood called the meeting to order at 3:31.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the September 6, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss or report.

New Business

1. Welcome New Faculty Senator, Ze-Li Dou

Chair Stu Youngblood welcomed Senator Dou (Mathematics) to the 2007-2008 Faculty Senate.

2. Remarks by Mary Volcansek, 3rd Annual TCU Pink Out and Survivor Celebration

The 3rd Annual TCU Frogs for the Cure football game is against New Mexico, November 3rd. A Survivor Party will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Frog Alley. Game time is 4:30 p.m. There is a special half time Survivor Celebration and breast cancer awareness effort. The event supports the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Pink t-shirts can be purchased at the TCU Bookstore. Senator Suzy Lockwood expressed a desire to include all cancer survivors during the next survivor celebration.

3. Update on Service Learning (Rosangela Boyd, Director of Center for Community Involvement and Service Learning)

Director Rosangela Boyd discussed the mission of the Center and asked Faculty Senate Senators to:

1. help change the erroneous perception of service learning.
2. integrate service learning into the academic setting.
3. contact the center when doing anything that resembles service learning.

Please see handout.

4. Update on Successful Graduation at TCU (Mike Scott, Director of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid and Cathy Coghlan, Assistant Director of Institutional Research)

The focus on improving TCU's retention rate began three years ago. Cathy Coghlan and Kristen Klopfenstein (Economics) have been integral participants in the project. College 101, eFrog2010, and Recruit Back are specific programs created to improve retention. Mike Scott asked Faculty Senate Senators to:

1. participate in the Chancellor's Assembly.
2. consider a Common Reading for faculty and staff that focuses on readings pertaining to retention.

5. Update on Study of the Status of Women Faculty at TCU (Bonnie Melhart, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs)

Bonnie Melhart shared the history behind the study and stated the study is designed to determine the real issues involving women on campus. The study will examine data such as salary, rank, service requirements, space allotment, and committee appointments. The study will utilize surveys and focus groups to gather data. Focus groups will begin next week. The focus group data will inform the construction of the survey. The promise is that a team will be formed to develop an action plan. A Town Hall meeting will be held Thursday, October 18th, at 12:30. For more information, please see <http://www.facultystudy.tcu.edu> .

6. Update on Tenure, Promotion, and Grievance Committee Draft Policy Report (Senator Dianna Newbern)

The committee is in a revising mode and will present another draft to the Faculty Senate soon.

7. Remarks by Provost Nowell Donovan

Provost Donovan emphasized that if action needs to be taken on the Study of the Status of Women at TCU, it will be taken. He stated the new student orientation will be difficult during the fall of 2008 because the TCU University Union will not be completed and the current student center will be under construction. The administration will ask the TCU Board of Trustees to knock down the old student center and replace it with a building designated for AddRan College and a new Honors College. Jarvis will be remodeled and the Faculty Lounge will be destroyed. In addition, the administration will ask the Board of Trustees to remodel Moudy South.

Announcements

Senator Ed McNertney provided a handout regarding the TCU Core Curriculum Advising Workshops, HMVV Committee Meetings, and TCU Writing Committee Meetings. Please see the handout for specific information.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.