

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting  
September 6, 2007  
Justin Board Room, Kelly Alumni Center

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## Minutes

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### Senators present

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

### Senators excused

Jesus Castro-Balbi, Andrea Harris, Cara Jacocks, John Lovett,

### Senators absent

Jennifer Engler, Nadia Lahutsky, Dan Williams,

### Guests

Nowell Donovan (Provost), Jordan Haygood, (Skiff Reporter)

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Chair Stu Youngblood called the meeting to order at 3:30.

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### Approval of minutes

The minutes of the 3 April, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were amended and approved as follows:

Change “bi-laws” to “bylaws” and Senator Lynn Flahive’s department to “COSD.”

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## Old Business

There was no old business to discuss or report.

## New Business

### 1. Greetings and Remarks by Provost Nowell Donovan

Provost Donovan welcomed Senators and thanked them for their service as university citizens. He encouraged the Faculty Senate vacancy to be filled in the College of Science and Engineering. He recounted a recent TCU Honors College lecture that he attended with 85 TCU students. He commented that the lecture and questions were of high quality and was very impressed by the Honors students. The experience reminded him what a fabulous experience it is to teach at TCU. In addition, he stated the SAT scores went up by 9 points rather than 35 for incoming freshmen, as had been earlier reported. The retraction was necessary due to a glitch in software. He reported that he welcomed new faculty the previous week and is impressed by our new colleagues. He commented how amazing it is to live in a world where we are still making amazing discoveries. The Provost stated that acquiring knowledge and passing it on carries with it enormous rights and responsibilities, but at the same time it is a privilege and a joy.

The Provost announced that Dean Dan Short, (M. J. Neeley School of Business) and Dean William Slater, (College of Communication) are stepping down and search firms will be hired. He emphasized that Dean search committees must have a majority of faculty and the chair must be a faculty member. He stated that some members of the Faculty Senate will be asked to serve, but desires that all faculty be engaged in the searches.

The Provost wished all Faculty Senators well and to have a happy and prosperous year.

### 2. Introduction of Faculty Senate Committee Chairpersons and Charges (Chair Stu Youngblood)

#### Faculty Senate Committee Reports

**Academic Excellence Committee** – Committee Chair Blaise Ferrandino reported the committee will focus on the TCU course retake policy and ways to institutionalize the Common Reading, First Year Experience program.

**Committee on Committees** – Committee Chair Sally Fortenberry reported the committee will focus on developing a listserv of all full-time faculty and to gather organized charters for all TCU committees.

**Faculty Governance Committee** – Committee Chair Juan Floyd-Thomas reported the committee will focus on revising and editing the Faculty Staff handbook and placing it on the TCU web site.

**Student Relations Committee** – Committee Chair David Bedford reported the committee will focus on supporting the student initiated TCU Honor Code pilot project. The committee will also focus on the Joint Assembly and monitoring the academic focus of programming for the First Year Experience.

**Tenure, Promotion, and Grievance Committee** – Committee Chair Dianna Newbern reported the committee will focus on the completion of the Tenure, Promotion, and Grievance Policy. The committee has been working on the new policy for the past three years and she requested feedback from faculty prior to next week's committee meeting. The committee will also focus on the faculty conflict resolution process.

Chair Stu Youngblood thanked all committee chairs and members for their dedication and leadership. He requested that all Senators make the Senate business visible in their colleges and departments. He suggested providing reports at college and department meetings.

### 3. Welcome from Chancellor Boschini

Chancellor Boschini was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict and will provide a welcome at an upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.