

**TCU Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Thursday, 3 December 2009**  
**3:30 - 5:00 PM**  
**The Chambers, Brown-Lupton University Union, Room 3004**

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

**Senators Present**

Bob Akin, Arnie Barkman, David Bedford, Chip Burns, Art Busbey, Jodi Campbell, Jason Clark-Miller, Rebecca Dority, Ze-Li Dou, Lynn Flahive, Sally Fortenberry, Greg Friedman, Misha Galaganov, Dianne Hawley, Cara Jacocks, Ted Legatski, Carrie Leverenz, Suzy Lockwood, Steve Mann, Till Meyn, Darren Middleton, Artemis Moon, Sheri Neill, Hylda Nugent, Anna Petursdottir, Jan Quesada, Claire Sanders, Michael Sawey, Marie Schein, Melissa Sherrod, Alan Shorter, Michael Skinner, Kay Stevens, Maggie Thomas, Keith Whitworth, Dan Williams, Scott Williams, Barbara Wood

**Senators Excused**

Jesus Castro-Balbi, Blaise Ferrandino, Dianna McFarland, Ed McNertney, Linda Moore, Don Nichols, Steve Palko, Paul Schrodt

**Senators Absent**

Tony Burgess, Charles Hannon, Julie O'Neil,

**Welcome guests:**

The following guests were welcomed to the meeting: Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, Dean Andy Schoolmaster (TCU AddRan College of Liberal Arts), Brian Gutierrez (Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration), Kenneth Janak (Director, Budget and Financial Planning), Mike Scott (Director, Scholarships and Student Financial Aid), Lisa Albert (Director, Office of Communications), David Sandell (Department of Sociology & Anthropology)

**Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2009**

Minutes approved as submitted.

**Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **1. TCU Budget Update (Brian Gutierrez, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration and Kenneth Janak, Director of Budget and Financial Planning)**

Vice Chancellor Gutierrez reported that TCU has a lot of momentum and a great story to tell compared to many of universities during the recession. There will be a 6.2% tuition increase. TCU's cost will be approximately \$30,000 while SMU is \$36-37,000. TCU's budget will be \$378 million for 2010-2011. The budget is based upon a conservative forecast and he stressed the importance to "be careful" when planning and budgeting during the tough economic times.

### **2. Update on TCU's National Publicity (Lisa Albert, TCU Director of Communications)**

Director Albert provided a summary of how TCU is benefitting from the TCU football team's success. She reported that Chancellor Boschini would be on CNBC and NPR radio. As a result of the national attention, TCU is placing ads in national media outlets in major markets. She stated there is a "Flutie" effect on applications with applications up 11% compared to the same time last year. The Admissions Office expects 13,000 applications. There were 4,500 applications in 2000. More people are following TCU on Facebook and Twitter. There were 65,000 hits on the TCU web site on November 14, 2009. There has been an outpouring of local support such as the purple skylights on downtown buildings, coloring the Trinity River purple, signs expressing support of TCU, and the mayor of Fort Worth asking the citizens of Fort Worth to show their support of TCU.

### **3. Update on TCU AddRan College of Liberal Arts (Dean Andy Schoolmaster)**

In two and a half years, Dean Schoolmaster has renamed and rebranded the college, launched a new web site, and completed the new Scharbauer Hall building. The building is on schedule and 160 faculty and staff will move in at the beginning of the New Year. The first floor will be the Honors College and classrooms. There is a debate chamber with 64 seats. On April 9, 2010, a building dedication and fundraiser is scheduled. Dean Schoolmaster indicated that a new initiative involving community gardens is in the planning stages.

### **4. Remarks from Provost Nowell Donovan**

Provost Donovan indicated there will be new faculty positions and he is determining the priority for allocating \$5 million for the positions and will make decisions by the new year. He asked faculty to submit ideas of how to use the debate chamber and expressed, "if we are to make our mark, we have to be articulate." In Scharbauer Hall, there will be a life size replica of the Madonna and Baby statue and a statue of John the Baptist.

### **5. Faculty Senate Open Forum**

Ted Legatski (Chair of Faculty Senate Student Relations Committee) discussed that his committee has been exploring the benefits of the TCU Joint Assembly in light of the low attendance, scheduling difficulties, and the difficulty of determining a topic that resonates with students, staff, and faculty. It was the Sense of the Senate to explore other options.

Senator Jodi Campbell discussed the issue of community among faculty. She stated the TCU Joint Assembly is not designed to build community and there are other ways to increase community among faculty at TCU. She recommended exploring utilizing an online discussion forum, community garden projects, and service projects.

Ted Legatski (Chair of Faculty Senate Student Relations Committee) discussed exploring issues pertaining to final exams. He indicated that faculty are scheduling exams for graduating seniors on the two study days, and some seniors are taking four finals over the two day period. He expressed the need to evaluate how final exams are scheduled for graduating seniors.

Senator Keith Whitworth discussed assessing the need for an academic testing center. It is difficult for faculty to schedule individual exams for students with disabilities and for adjunct faculty to schedule make-up exams. The ensuing discussion brought to the forefront additional issues and the Senators expressed interest in assessing the need for an academic testing center.

### **Announcements**

None

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.