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

Agenda

Call to order: 3:36

Welcome guests

Guests in attendance were Provost Nowell Donovan, Demitris Kouris (Dean of TCU College of Science and Engineering), June Koelker (Dean of TCU Mary Coats Burnett Library), Barbara McClellan (Technology Resources), Carlton Alexander (Student Government Association), and Eric Simpson.

Approval of Minutes of 1, October 2009

The minutes were approved with the following revisions:

Move Senator Darren Middleton from “Senators Present” to “Senators Excused.”

Senator McNertney requested the following deleted from his remarks, “This in his estimation was not a green practice. The committee is pondering whether the Common Reading can be linked to a theme semester.”

Senators Present

Bob Akin, Arnie Barkman, David Bedford, Tony Burgess, Jodi Campbell, Jesus Castro-Balbi, Jason Clark-Miller, Ze-Li Dou, Blaise Ferrandino, Greg Friedman, Misha Galaganov, Dianne Hawley, Cara Jacocks, Carrie Leverenz, Suzy Lockwood, Till Meyn, Ed McNertney, Darren Middleton, Artemis Moon, Linda Moore, Sheri Neill, Dianna McFarland, Don Nichols, Julie O’Neil, Hylda Nugent, Anna Petursdottir, Jan Quesada, Claire Sanders, Michael Sawey, Marie Schein, Paul Schrodtt, Melissa Sherrod, Keith Whitworth, Dan Williams, Scott Williams, Barbara Wood

Senators Excused

Art Busbey, Jason Clark-Miller, Rebecca Dority, Lynn Flahive, Sally Fortenberry, Charles Hannon, Ted Legatski, Alan Shorter, Michael Skinner, Kay Stevens, Maggie Thomas

Senators Absent

Chip Burns, Steve Mann, Steve Palko

Old Business

None

New Business

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1. Presentation on the College of Science and Engineering (Demitris Kouris, Dean of TCU College of Science and Engineering)

Dean Kouris greeted the Senators and stated he is getting used to Texas and enjoying the new culture. He is developing plans and direction for the diverse college. The priority and focus will be on energy, environment, and health sciences/biology.

2. Update on the TCU Library (June Koelker, Dean of TCU Mary Couts Burnett Library)

Dean Koelker referred Senators to the TCU Library Strategic Plan at <http://blogs.lib.tcu.edu/blogs/whatsnew/2009/09/02/library-strategic-plan/>. A committee has been meeting since the spring semester to develop ideas and plans for a library expansion project. Key issues for consideration are:

- a. Double size of seating
- b. Book stack growth over the next 20 years
- c. Upgrade faculty and graduate support facilities
- d. Increase social space for faculty and graduate students
- e. Fix problems such as a new entrance

The library committee is investigating onsite automated storage. The library has not had access to all books onsite in the past ten years. The new expansion proposes windows facing University Drive as well as increasing the number of computers from 120 to 180.

3. Presentation on Computer Security (Barbara McClellan, Technology Resources)

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month. The purpose of cyber security awareness month is simply to focus attention on cyber security. During October different areas of cyber security will be highlighted to keep you, your computer, your data and your identity safer. She encouraged us to explore the tips at <https://security.tcu.edu/CyberSecurityAwarenessMonth.htm>.

4. Motions from the Faculty Governance Committee (Senator Suzy Lockwood)

The following bylaw was discussed:

ARTICLE I. THE FACULTY ASSEMBLY

Section 1. Meetings

- A. *Regular meetings. The Faculty Assembly shall meet during the University session as necessary, with at least one regular meeting each semester. The date and time of the regular meetings shall be set by the Chair of the Faculty Senate.*
- B. *Special meetings. The Chair of the Faculty Senate shall call a Special Meeting of the Faculty Assembly at any time upon the request of the Chancellor, the Provost, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, or the written request of thirty members of the Faculty Assembly.*
- C. *Twenty percent (20%) of voting members shall constitute a quorum.*

The Faculty Senate Faculty Governance Committee proposed removing, “**with at least**

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one regular meeting each semester.” Discussion ensued and several Senators expressed concern about not having a mandate for a Faculty Assembly, while others indicated we should not meet just to meet and referred to the poor attendance at recent Faculty Assemblies. A motion was brought forward to delete “with at least one regular meeting each semester” and add “a majority of Faculty Senate” in the following section:

B. Special meetings. The Chair of the Faculty Senate shall call a Special Meeting of the Faculty Assembly at any time upon the request of the Chancellor, the Provost, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, **a majority of the Faculty Senate**, or the written request of thirty members of the Faculty Assembly.

The motion was passed with all in favor except for one Senator being opposed.

5. Remarks on Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (Senator Linda Moore)

Senator Moore discussed issues pertaining to TCU athletes missing assignments and exams due to participating in athletic events. The following are issues of concern.

- a. If a student athlete misses a quiz or exam, he/she is forced to use one of their “drop the lowest grades.”
- b. Students miss class and do not receive credit for an attendance quiz.
- c. Students who do not receive full points for lab make-ups.
- d. Students who are required to take make-up exams prior to the regularly scheduled exam.
- e. Upon returning to campus, students are required to take three make-up exams in one day.
- f. Students are required to take an essay exam rather than the regular objective exam.

Senator Moore indicated that Provost Donovan emailed the faculty to address these issues. Discussion ensued and Senators stated the importance of educating new faculty about these issues and determining if other faculty are unaware of the policies. She stressed equal opportunities should be afforded all students, and faculty should be as supportive of student athletes as possible. She stated the overall G.P.A. of student athletes is 2.97. It was suggested that the Faculty Senate compile the documentation pertaining to make-ups to determine what the rules are for make-ups. The question was raised as to what are the policies and procedures for proctoring make-up exams by adjunct and full-time faculty. Senator Moore stated that student athletes are required to confirm with faculty ahead of time that they will be missing class and discuss make-up options.

6. Presentation by the Provost relative to allocation of resources and decision making at TCU (Nowell Donovan, TCU Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs)

Provost Donovan’s presentation was titled, *The Academy in Recession*. He discussed TCU’s potential edges, planning challenges, strategies, and the rationale for decision making (see *Academy in Recession* pdf for details).

7. Faculty Senate Open Forum

None

Announcements

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None

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.