

**TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
06 December 2012
3:30 – 5:00 PM
D.J. Kelly Alumni Center**

Minutes

Senators Present

Bob Akin, Onofrio Annunziata, Arnie Barkman, David Bedford, Martin Blessinger, Bruce Carroll, Cynthia Chapa, Brian Clinnin, Rebecca Dority, Billy Farmer, Greg Friedman, Jeff Geider, Diane Hawley, Clark Jones, Andrew Ledbetter, Ted Legatski, Suzy Lockwood, Stathis Michaelides, Linda Moore, Joddy Murray, Johnny Nhan, Hylda Nugent, Steve Palko, Katie Polzer, Jan Quesada, David Sandell, Chris Sawyer, Marie Schein, Paul Schrodt, Krista Scott, Alan Shorter, Eric Simpson, Gloria Solomon, Janet Spittler, Greg Stephens, Michael Strausz, Australia Tarver, Jo Nell Wells, Dan Williams, Scott Williams, Barbara Wood, Qiao Zhang

Senators Excused

Ranga Ramasesh, Lynn Flahive, Sarah Fuentes, Tracy Hanna, Bi Ying Hu, Dianna McFarland, Joan McGettigan, Loren Spice, Angela Thompson, David Vanderwerken, Stephen Weis

Senators Absent

Ronald Anderson, Julie Baker, Jon Burgess, Lindy Crawford, San-ky Kim, Steve Mann, Magnus Rittby, Michael Skinner

Guests Present

Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, June Koelker (Library), Newell Williams (Brite Divinity School), Olivia Caridi (Skiff Reporter)

Call to Order

Chair Marie Schein opened the meeting at 3:30, following a 30-minute informal reception.

Senate Business

1. The minutes of the November 2012 Senate meeting were approved unanimously with no corrections.
2. University Minister Angela Kaufman was not able to attend today's Senate meeting as planned. She will visit in the spring.

Guest Presentations

1. Chancellor Boschini - reported on thoughts from the meeting of the Board of Trustees, in no particular order. Audit committee survey, assessed risks on campus, prominent issues to be monitored included NCAA compliance, student safety and welfare, drug and alcohol issues, and student financial issues. Approval sought for 120 gifts over \$100,000. Discussed the QEP and informed the board of progress. Discussed a digital view book online to replace past practice of a mail out book. The board appointed a committee to study the renovation of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Discussed tuition, landed on a 5.8% increase. A Spanish house amongst the residential facilities was approved. Four new building projects were approved. Approved another new residence facility. Approved a new instructional building between the library and Smith Hall. Approved a new Bass Building for nursing and health sciences. Approved the purchase of an off-campus storage facility to replace space that is currently rented. Discussed employee benefits. Discussed the rolling ten year spending plan. Big topic of discussion throughout the meeting was the new Intellectual Commons. Brief Q&A followed regarding employee benefits and student tuition.
2. Chair Schein asked for an informal show of hands regarding percentages of response rates on eSpots. Many had below 50%, as well as a range of 50-70% and 70-100%. Brief discussion ensued about how to raise response rates, with various ideas offered. The Academic Excellence Committee will take the lead on exploring improvement ideas.
3. Newell Williams presented thoughts on book "Soul Repair," addressing concerns about veteran suicides (about 7,000), which now exceed the number of military lost in military action (about 6,000). Suggested that "moral injury" may be one cause of the elevated suicide rate for veterans. He indicated that Soul Repair is one resource for helping us learn more effective ways of supporting and dealing with veterans at risk, and suggested several other resources, including the Soul Repair Center's website. He also discussed the induction of the first Sam Halsey Chair in...(Episcopalian) partly with the intent of creating additional religious diversity. Brief Q&A ensued.
4. Gloria Solomon (Chair of the Tenure, Promotion, & Grievance committee) presented a resolution on faculty service. She reviewed the history of the supporting survey study and development of the resolution. Discussion followed regarding possibilities for implementation, ideas for evaluation of service, the need for departments to articulate expectations for faculty (especially from rank to rank). Language was adapted in the resolution to obtain a consensus approval of the Senate body. The approved (as amended) resolution is as follows:
 - a. Insert language of amended resolution here..."generate written, unambiguous policies on service expectations for all ranks that will aid in the evaluation of full-time faculty."
5. Provost Donovan deferred to Dean Koelker and indicated he would return to a later Senate meeting to present his thoughts on the Intellectual Commons of the University.

6. June Koelker (Dean of the Library) and James Lutz discussed plans for new and renovated library physical plant. Three problems seen in the library as presently constituted: no more book space, inadequate seating space (currently below 10%, should be at about 25%), dangerous front stairs. Currently the library houses about 1.4 million bound volumes, of which 400,000 will remain onsite. The plan is to favor seating over book stacks due to student needs, moving most books offsite (but readily accessible in twice daily delivery service). "Virtual Library" software will also be used to enhance utilization of library resources. Library will get additional computer lab space, with more flexible design. Librarians will be given offices to improve consultations with faculty. Q&A followed. A question addressed the types of books that will stay on the shelves - generally speaking, the most heavily used books (and most critically needed) will remain. Building code prevented constructing from going up or down, and the landlocked nature of the library prevented outward expansion. Concern was expressed that, despite very creative attempts to make the library's collection accessible, the library will no longer be a library, but rather a student study center where books can be ordered. Provision for non-book collections, such as music, is still under consideration. Likewise provision of additional server space (cloud or otherwise) for electronic files held by the library. Dean Koelker will be requesting ideas, preferences, and so forth from faculty.

The Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.