

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
02 May 2013
3:30 – 5:00 PM
D.J. Kelly Alumni Center

Minutes

Senators Present

Bob Akin, Ronald Anderson, Onofrio Annunziata, Michael Bachmann, Julie Baker, Arnie Barkman, David Bedford, Martin Blessinger, Jon Burgess, Art Busbey, Bruce Carroll, Cynthia Chapa, Kent Chapline, Brian Clinnin, Rebecca Dority, Billy Farmer, Greg Friedman, Tracy Hanna, Diane Hawley, San-ky Kim, Nadia, Lahutsky, Andrew Ledbetter, Ted Legatski, Suzy Lockwood, Steve Mann, Dianna McFarland, Johnny Nhan, Hylda Nugent, Steve Palko, Katie Polzer, Jan Quesada, David Sandell, Chris Sawyer, Marie Schein, Krista Scott, Alan Shorter, Eric Simpson, Michael Skinner, Gloria Solomon, Greg Stephens, Michael Strausz, David Vanderwerken, Jo Nell Wells, Dan Williams, Barbara Wood.

Senators Excused

Lindy Crawford, Richard Estes, Lynn Flahive, Sarah Fuentes, Jeff Geider, Joan McGettigan, Stathis Michaelides, Linda Moore, Joddy Murray, Ranga Ramasesh, Magnus Rittby, Paul Schrodt, Eric Simanek, Loren Spice, Janet Spittler, Angela Thompson, Stephen Weis, Scott Williams, Qiao Zhang

Senators Absent

Guests Present

Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, Brian Gutierrez, Kenneth Janak

Call to Order

Chair Marie Schein called the meeting to order at 3:40.

Senate Business

1. The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2013 were approved with no corrections.
2. Marie reported the results of the online vote regarding the resolution on benefits, which passed with only one no vote and one abstention.
3. Marie Schein presented a special resolution proposed by the FSEC, honoring Chancellor Boschini on his tenth anniversary as Chancellor of the University.

4. Suzy Lockwood, Chair of the FGC, reported on its activities this year, including the restructuring of the Senate committees. Work is ongoing on that effort, and will continue over the summer.
5. Gloria Solomon, Chair of the TPG committee, reported on its activities on four charges. After information gathering, the committee is working toward making recommendations regarding promotion policies for instructor and PPPs.
6. Ted Legatski, Chair of the Student Relations committee, reported on its fact finding mission regarding student success, and will have a report prepared for the fall semester.
7. Arnie Barkman, Chair of the Committee on Committees, reported on the committee's orientation of new committee chairs, which was trouble free. The student media committee has been re-organized in its role and functions. The committee's proposal toward that end was approved by vote of acclamation by the Senate.
8. Due to the absence of the Chair of the Academic Excellence Committee, no report was given.
9. Suzy Lockwood also reported on the HMOVV committee, of which she is the Chair. The committee reviewed 24 courses for inclusion in the HMOVV, 16 of which were approved, some for more than one category. A core review committee has been established which next year will review the entire core curriculum.
10. Billy Farmer proposed a new way of reporting University-approved absences (and potentially others), using eCollege to keep track. Much discussion ensued about various ways to do this, and options for modifications of the proposed system. A poll was taken of the "sense of the Senate," and a strong majority voted to move this idea forward in the coming year.
11. Marie Schein reported on FSEC candidates. Greg Stephens and David Sandell have agreed to continue in their respective capacities as Secretary and Assistant Secretary (and Parliamentarian). Chris Sawyer will become the new Chair of the Senate. Jan Quesada was nominated by the FSEC to serve as the new Chair-Elect of the Senate. No other nominations being forthcoming, all were approved in those positions. Dan Williams will continue in the Senate as a representative of the Honors College. Outgoing Senators were identified and acknowledged for their service. Incoming Senators were also identified, and welcomed to the Senate.
12. Marie then passed the traditional gavel to Chris Sawyer as the new Chair of the Senate. Chair Sawyer then offered a few remarks.

Guest Presentations

1. Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Brian Gutierrez reported on the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget:

- a. He informed the group that next year's budget is a very full one and includes all reasonably expected revenues and expenses, as well as a set-aside reserve for funding initiatives related to the university's strategic plan, Vision in Action: The Academy of Tomorrow.
- b. The budget includes a 5.8% increase in tuition, as approved by the board of trustees. In addition to a commensurate 5.8% increase in financial aid, the trustees also directed that 0.8% of the incremental tuition revenue be applied directly to financial aid. He discussed other revenue sources, including housing revenue from the new residence halls, Big 12 conference athletic revenue, and the payout from the endowment. Next year will be the fifth and final year of the fixed endowment payout floor; beginning in Fiscal Year 2015, the university will revert to the natural endowment payout.
- c. Gutierrez then discussed significant expenses in next year's budget; 12 new faculty positions and 14 new staff positions were approved, as well as salary adjustments for faculty and exempt staff. In addition to the financial aid mentioned previously, the university is setting aside \$2 million per year for strategic purposes; if it is not used, it may be put in the endowment to begin generating additional endowed financial aid in future years.
- d. He also discussed the reserve that will be used to fund Academy of Tomorrow initiatives, which represents all resources not needed for current operations and not restricted outside of the Academy of Tomorrow. He closed by presenting a schedule of expenditures planned through the end of the decade for Academy of Tomorrow initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.