

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
01 May 2014
3:30 – 5:00 PM
Kelly Center – Justin Boardroom

Minutes

Senators Present

Akin, Bob; Akkaraju, Giridhar; Barkman, Arnie; Bedford, David; Begnoche, David; Carroll, Bruce; Chapa, Cynthia; Clinnin, Brian; Dority, Rebecca; Esposito, Phil; Flowers, Roma; Friedman, Greg; Geider, Jeffrey; Gollaher, Timothy; Griffith, Robin; Jenkins, David; Krochmal, Max; Ledbetter, Andrew; Legatski, Ted; Mann, Steve; McFarland, Dianna; McGettigan, Joan; Meier, William; Michaelides, Stathis; Miller, Vanessa; Moeller, Thomas; Moore, Linda; Murray, Joddy; Neilson, Robert H.; Nhan, Johnny; Nugent, Hylda; Palko, Steve; Petrovich, James; Quesada, Jan; Ramasesh, Ranga; Sawyer, Chris; Schein, Marie; Shorter, Alan; Simanek, Eric; Simpson, R. Eric; Skinner, Michael; Spice, Loren; Spittler, Janet; Stephens, Gregory; Strausz, Michael; Warrington, Patricia; Waters, Sandra; Weis, Stephen; Wells, Jo Nell; Williams, Dan; Williams, Scott; Wood, Barbara; Woodworth, Steve; Zhang, Qiao

Senators Excused

Castro-Balbi, Jesus; Crawford, Lindy; Kim, San-Ky; Lahutsky, Nadia; Lockwood, Suzy; Polzer, Katie; Sandell, David; Schrodt, Paul; Scott, Krista; Thompson, Angela;

Senators Absent

N/A

Guests Present

Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, Brian Gutierrez (Vice-Chancellor for Finance and Administration), Don Whelan (Vice Chancellor for University Advancement), Faith Perkins (Director of Human Resources), Susan Oakley (Director of Employee Relations), and Karen Baker (Vice-Chancellor for Human Resources)

Call to Order

1. Faculty Senate Chair Chris Sawyer called the meeting to order at 3:30.
2. The minutes of the April 10th, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved.

Old Business

3. Senate election – voted by acclamation to approve the new slate of Senators as a whole.

New Business

4. Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Brian Gutierrez gave a presentation on next year's operating budget, which totals \$547 million.
 - a. Total budgeted tuition revenue for next year will be based on an enrollment level of 8,600 undergraduate students. He explained that of the 5.5% increase in next year's tuition rate, 4.0% will be directed toward maintaining the existing cost structure and 1.5% will fund strategic initiatives. These strategic initiatives include additional aid to improve the class profile and academic initiatives such as Great Themes and ePortfolio.
 - b. The five-year endowment payout floor has ended and next year's payout, which will increase slightly, is once again based on the natural payout calculation. He also explained that when TCU and West Virginia joined the Big 12 conference, their revenues would gradually increase over a three-year period. Next year, TCU's participation rate in Big 12 conference revenues will increase to 84% (from 67% this year), and it will increase to 100% the following year.
 - c. On the expense side of the budget, 16 new faculty positions and 10 new staff positions have been approved for next year. The total financial aid budget will increase by more than 10%, and he discussed the need to continue increasing the amount of financial aid that is funded in future years. Next year's budget includes a \$35 million reserve for future Academy of Tomorrow projects. He closed the presentation by talking about the academic facilities currently under design or construction, which total nearly \$190 million. In addition, a new project for the school of music is also being considered.
5. Don Whelan, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, presented an update on the "New Campaign for TCU: Supporting the Academy of Tomorrow." He then entertained a few questions.
 - a. Now looking for heavy investment in people and programs.
 - b. We are two years into a ten year capital campaign. The goal is to raise our endowment to \$2 billion, near double what it is now.
6. Faith Perkins (new Director of Human Resources) and Susan Oakley (new Director of Employee Relations) were introduced by Karen Baker, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources.
7. Dianna McFarland, Chair of the TPG Committee, re-introduced a Resolution to Adopt the Revised Faculty Appeal Policy, discussion of which began in our April meeting.

- a. Three motions were offered for consideration by the Senate. The changes having to do with each of these motions having been distributed to the Senate ahead of time, motions were made and seconded to approve each of them in turn.
 - b. The first motion had to do with edits and corrections to the policy document. It was approved without discussion.
 - c. A second motion sought approval of changes made to Rationale 1 and 3-6 for semantic clarity and consistency between the revised policy and established TCU practices and/or other TCU policies. All changes associated with this motion were approved and passed by the Senate.
 - d. A third motion sought approval of changes to the TCU Faculty Appeal Policy 2010 referenced as Rationales 7-8 for congruence with current TCU practice. All changes associated with this motion were passed by the Senate.
8. The Senate then heard very brief highlight reports from the chairs of the standing committees of the Senate. Those reports will be made available on the Faculty Senate website. It was noted that Senator Barkman, outgoing Chair of the Committee on Committees, is retiring, and appreciation was given for his service as a member of the Senate.
 9. Provost Donovan offered a few brief remarks. He requested that any faculty who are able attend the graduation ceremony, which will be held on the field of the football stadium. He also reported that Peggy Watson, Dean of the Honors College, will be taking a health-related leave of absence next year. The interim Dean is under consideration, and a full national search for the new Dean will be initiated next year. The Honors College has made great strides under Dean Watson's leadership, and Provost Donovan expressed appreciation for her service.
 10. Chair Sawyer then offered brief closing remarks, welcomed incoming Senators, thanked outgoing Senators, and passed the gavel to the incumbent Senate Chair, Jan Quesada. He also announced a new (sixth) position on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, that of information officer, to be filled next year by Senator Billy Farmer.

There being no further business, the Senate adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Stephens
Faculty Senate Secretary