

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
06 November 2014
3:30 – 5:00 PM
Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom

Minutes

Senators Present

Argenbright, Kristi; Bedford, David; Busbey, Art; Castro-Balbi, Jesus; Chapa, Cynthia; Clinnin, Brian; Engler, Jennifer; Esposito, Phil; Farmer, Billy; Friedman, Greg; Fry, Julie; Geider, Jeffrey; Gil, Dan; Gollaher, Timothy; Hammad, Hanan; Jenkins, David; Jenschke, Monica; Jimerson, Jo Beth; Krochmal, Max; Lahutsky, Nadia; Ledbetter, Andrew; Legatski, Ted; Lockwood, Suzy; Lovett, John; McFarland, Dianna; McGettigan, Joan; Michaelides, Efstathios; Moeller, Thomas; Moore, Carrie; Moore, Linda; Neilson, Robert H.; Nugent, Hylda; Petrovich, James; Quesada, Janis; Scherger, Michael; Scott, Krista; Shniderman, Adam; Simanek, Eric; Simpson, R. Eric; Spice, Loren; Stephens, Greg; Warrington, Patricia; Whitworth, Keith; Wood, Barbara; Woodworth, Steven; Zhang, Qiao

Senators Excused

Akin, Robert; Begnoche, David; Griffeth, Robin; Kerstetter, Todd; Kim, San-ky; Moore, Jeff; Sandell, David; Schrodt, Paul; Skinner, Michael; Williams, Daniel

Senators Absent

Mann, Steven; Meier, William; Miller, Vanessa; Palko, Steffen; Ramasesh, Ranga; Sawyer, Chris; Schiffer, Adam

Guests Present

Chancellor Victor Boschini, Ray Brown (Dean of Admission), Daniel Terry (Director of ePortfolio).

Call to Order

1. Faculty Senate Chair Jan Quesada called the meeting to order at 3:35.
2. The minutes of the October 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved following a friendly amendment (moved and unanimously approved by the Senate) for an adjustment in phrasing on Chancellor Boschini's discussion of employee benefits (item 6B).

Introductions, Information Items, and Announcements

3. The TCU Board of Trustees has approved as a matter of policy that sitting members of the Board of Trustees will not be eligible for honorary degrees from TCU until they are no longer on the Board. Thus, all of last year's honorary degree nominations were approved, with the proviso that the Board member nominated not receive that honor until after he retires from the Board. A request for nominations for honorary degrees for the 2014-15 academic year will be forthcoming soon.

Old Business

4. N/A

New Business & Presentations

5. Senate Chair Jan Quesada made a brief presentation encouraging faculty to contribute to TCU's campaign for funding for United Way. The video clip she played will be distributed to the faculty body in a separate communication.
6. Daniel Terry gave an update of TCU's push to accelerate freshman engagement in the college experience through a UNPR 10210 course (*Introduction to University Life*) and ePortfolios...the Frogfolio. His presentation slides are attached in a separate email message to the faculty body. The ePortfolios, in particular, are seen as a way to help support students' efforts to reflect on their learning (and thus better cement that learning) throughout their time at TCU. More than 50% of U.S. Colleges and universities are now using student portfolios in one way or another. After his presentation, he responded to several questions from the Senators about the anticipated uses for ePortfolios, how employers might receive them, and how TCU's experience with them might evolve. Any who wish may search for "tcu.digication.com" and explore portfolios of students who have made them public.
7. Senate committee chairs then provided very brief mid-semester updates of their work to date on their charges.

The Senate adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Stephens
Faculty Senate Secretary