

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting  
April 7, 2016  
3:30 – 5:00 PM  
The Chambers, Brown-Lupton University Union, Room 3004

Agenda

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of March 3, 2016.
3. Ms. Elyse Menger on the Faculty/ Staff campaign.
4. Dr. Suzy Lockwood on smoke-free campaign.
5. A resolution from the Educational Evaluation Committee, Dr. Julie Fry.<sup>i</sup>
6. Motion to change wordings in the Faculty-Staff Handbook and the Faculty Senate Handbook (from the EC and GC).<sup>ii</sup>
7. Committee nominations and elections:
  - Budget Advisory: Dr. Thomas Moeller nominated
  - University Advisory: Dr. Molly Weinburgh nominated
  - HMVV: Dr. Jose Carrion nominated
8. Nominations for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (elections to be held in the last meeting of the Senate).
9. New business.
10. Announcements.
11. Adjournment.

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<sup>i</sup> **Resolution on the Use of SPOTs in Teaching Evaluations (from the EEC)**

When SPOTs are used for analysis and decisions regarding faculty teaching, a great deal of attention should be given to the underlying uncertainty of the survey. Therefore, the departmental and college/school standard deviation of SPOT data should be included along with the mean on reports used by Chairs and Deans.

**Rationale:**

- The SPOTs are “student perceptions of teaching,” and are intended to be of use to the individual instructors who evaluate the survey results and student comments within the underlying context of the course.
- The majority of the Departments use SPOTs as part of their procedures for faculty teaching evaluations, and follow the Senate recommendation for using SPOTs for no more than 1/3 of the weight.
- Every statistical tool, including the SPOT, is subjected to a degree of uncertainty.
- Lower response rates increase the degree of uncertainty for producing valid and reliable results.
- SPOT averages falling outside one standard deviation compared to the department as a whole may warrant further exploration.

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HANDBOOK**

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<p><b>Faculty Section</b>  <b>Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate</b>  <b>Article II, Section 6-C</b>            The Committee on University Committees shall solicit faculty preferences and nominate faculty for membership on all University committees, review committee charges and memberships, and provide orientation to, assessment and oversight of University committees.</p>	<p><b>Faculty Section</b>  <b>Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate</b>  <b>Article II, Section 6-C</b>            The Committee on University Committees shall solicit faculty preferences and nominate faculty for membership on all University committees, <b>including five to the Heritage, Mission, Vision, and Values Committee (HMOV) and one to the University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC)</b>, review committee charges and memberships, and provide orientation to, assessment and oversight of University committees.</p>
<p><b>Faculty Section</b>  <b>Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate</b>  <b>Article II, Section 7-A</b>            The University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) shall have three Senate representatives. The Senate Chair Elect who will serve a one-year term shall automatically fill one position. The other two positions shall be elected, by written ballot, at the May Senate meeting, to serve three-year terms.</p>	<p><b>Faculty Section</b>  <b>Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate</b>  <b>Article II, Section 7-A</b>            The University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) shall have three Senate representatives <b>elected by, and from, the Senate</b>. The Senate Chair Elect, who will serve a one-year term, shall automatically fill one position. The other two positions shall be elected, by written ballot, to serve three-year terms. <b>The Committee on University Committees shall nominate one additional faculty member to a three-year term.</b></p>

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<p><b>Faculty Section</b> <b>Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate</b> <b>Article II, Section 7-B</b> The Heritage, Mission, Vision, and Values Committee (HMOV) serving the TCU Core Curriculum will have Senate representation in accordance with the HMOV Charter. The two elected representatives shall be elected, by written ballot, at the last meeting of the academic year. The Committee on Committees shall nominate the remaining faculty.</p>	<p><b>Faculty Section</b> <b>Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate</b> <b>Article II, Section 7-B</b> <b>Faculty Senate representation on (t)he</b> Heritage, Mission, Vision, and Values Committee (HMOV) serving the TCU Core Curriculum, in accordance with the HMOV Charter, <b>shall consist of two members elected by, and from, the Senate.</b> The two elected representatives shall be elected by written ballot. The Committee on <b>University</b> Committees shall nominate the remaining <b>five</b> faculty members.</p>
<p><b>Faculty Section</b> <b>Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate</b> <b>Article II, Section 7-C</b> When Senate representation is needed in groups not under the responsibility of the Committee on Committees, the FSEC may appoint such representatives.</p>	<p><b>Faculty Section</b> <b>Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate</b> <b>Article II, Section 7-C</b> When Senate representation is needed in groups not under the responsibility of the Committee on <b>University</b> Committees, the FSEC may appoint such representatives.</p>