

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
November 5, 2015
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 October 1, 2015.
3. Progress with the founding of the TCU-UNTHSC Medical School, Provost
Donovan. (15 minutes)
4. Recommendation on COIA by the AEC and Prof. Hatcher (10 minutes)
5. Discussion of initiatives of the Governance Committee, Prof. Geider
(15 minutes).
6. Recommendation by the Executive Committee on Thursday football games,ⁱ
(15 minutes)
7. Resolution by the Faculty Relations Committee,ⁱⁱ (15 minutes)
8. Old business
9. New business
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment

ⁱ The TCU Faculty Senate strongly recommends to the Intercollegiate Athletics Department that home football games not be scheduled between Mondays and Fridays – days when regularly scheduled classes meet or examinations are held. Should it be necessary for a home football game to be scheduled on a day that regular classes meet, the parking contracts to ticket holders must stipulate that all football-contracted parking spaces will not be available before 5:00 pm of the day of the game.

Rationale:

1. The mission of the University is to educate individuals. All non-educational activities are of secondary importance.
2. The faculty and commuting students of the University are significantly inconvenienced when parking is not available close to their sites of work and classes.
3. An all-day reservation of parking lots and the accompanying daily tailgating activities and alcohol consumption during working days sends the wrong message to the students and encourages underage alcohol consumption.
4. Our Conference (The Big 12) does not require each of its teams to play Thursday night games. Given our inner-city campus location, the parking scarcity, and the adversities to all involved, such games must not be scheduled.

ii **Resolution Summary: This resolution calls for the reestablishment of the Trustee-Faculty Relations Committee.**

Whereas TCU fosters a connection culture that places a premium on listening, collaboration, and open conversation, and

Whereas TCU endorses shared governance and a participatory process that encourages faculty involvement, responsibility, and service, and

Whereas university governance works best when there is close, candid communication among governing boards, the administration, and the faculty, and

Whereas the challenges TCU will likely encounter in the future will require greater dialogue and enhanced understanding between TCU's faculty and Board of Trustees,

Whereas a Trustee-Faculty Relations Committee, created initially by the Board of Trustees, once existed to facilitate such dialogue and understanding,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate respectfully requests that, in order to foster greater dialogue and understanding, the TCU faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees work together to reestablish the Trustee-Faculty Relations Committee, and explore other ways that TCU's faculty can meaningfully participate in Board of Trustee conversations about all matters of mutual interest.