

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
08 September 2017
3:30 – 5:00 PM
Faculty Senate Chambers

Minutes

Senators Present: Allender, Marinda; Atkinson, Sean; Baker, Kathy; Bashore, Lisa; Bedford, David; Bowen, Kendra; Bradley, Layne; Canclini, Sharon; Castro-Balbi, Jesús; Chimbel, Aaron; Coffey, Jeff; Elwell, Sage; Frable, Pamela; Friedman, Greg; Gil, Dan; Gollaher, Timothy; Hammad, Hanan; Havens, Jill; Herzig, Emily; Jackson, Lynn; Johnson, Kevin; Jones, Clark; Kiani, Morgan; Ledis, Dennis; Legatski, Ted; Lemon, Alex; Lovett, John; Maas, Penny; Marichal, Albert; McGettigan, Joan; Meier, William; Meyn, Till; Moeller, Thomas; Murray, Joddy; Packard, Sally; Powell, Samantha; Preston, David; Quesada, Jan; Sandell, David; Scherger, Michael; Schiffer, Adam; Scott, Krista; Sherrod, Melissa; Sherrod, Michael; Skinner, Michael; Spice, Loren; Stephens, Greg; Stewart, Alyssa; Walters, Patricia; Watkins, Timothy; Williams, Daniel; Yorkston, Eric

Senators Excused: Carrión, José; Moore, Jeff; Nhan, Johnny; Nelson, Karen; Sawyer, Chris; Wright, Robin

Senators Absent: Esposito, Phil (Harris); Hokayem, Hayat (Education); Ledbetter, Andrew (Schieffer); Mayne, Rhiannon (Science & Engineering); Palko, Steve (Education); Piñón, Santiago (AddRan); Quinn, Brandy (Education)

Guests Present: Alison Armstrong (SGA Academic Affairs Committee Chair); Chancellor Victor Boschini; Yohna Chambers (VC Human Resources); Kathy Cavins-Tull (VC Student Affairs) Provost Nowell Donovan; Chuck Dunning (SDS); Caroline Love (TCU 360); Sharon Stahrfisher (Adjunct faculty); Ben Taylor (SGA President); Catherine Wehlburg (Assoc. Provost for Institutional Effectiveness); Abbey Widick (SGA VP Operations); Ebony Rose (SDS); Max Krochmal (CRES)

Call to Order

1. Faculty Senate Chair Ted Legatski called the meeting to order at 3:30.
2. The minutes of the May 4, 2017, meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as submitted.

Old Business

3. N/A

New Business

4. Chancellor Boschini addressed the Senate and gave a brief update on university business, specifically regarding enrollment, which is up 1.5% at 10,489, and retention, which is strong at approximately 91%, and regarding construction progress and plans. He also provided an

overview of the university's Vision in Action (VIA): Lead On strategic initiative, with its four committees working on four strategic goals, under the leadership of Provost Donovan.

VIA: Lead On Open Forums

Goal	Date	Time	Location
Goal #1: Strengthen Academic Profile and Reputation	Wednesday, October 4	12:00 p.m.	BLUU Auditorium
Goal #2: Strengthen Endowment	Tuesday, October 10	2:00 p.m.	BLUU Auditorium
Goal #3: Strengthen TCU Experience and Campus Culture	Wednesday, October 18	3:00 p.m.	BLUU Auditorium
Goal #4: Strengthen Workforce	Monday, October 30	2:00 p.m.	BLUU Auditorium

The new VIA: Lead On website is: <https://strategicplan.tcu.edu>. Information on the forums can be found on that site, and there is also an opportunity to submit comments on each of the goals.

5. Chair-elect Greg Stephens introduced a resolution from the Executive Committee expressing the Faculty Senate's support for TCU students, personnel, and their loved ones affected by the recently announced rescission of DACA, and urging Congress to act in a timely manner through appropriate legislation to keep the promises made to these valued members of the TCU community. After lively discussion, the motion passed. (See text below.)
6. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kathy Cavins Tull gave a report on the current review of TCU's food services contract with Sodexo. The committee overseeing the issue began work this summer and will gather input from students and faculty this fall. She also announced two new members of her Student Affairs leadership team: Asst. VC for Multicultural and International Student Services, Dr. Mark Kamimura-Jimenez; and Asst. VC for Public Safety and Emergency Management, Mr. Adrian Andrews.
7. Ebony Rose and Chuck Dunning, of Student Development Services, introduced Intentional Dialogue Training, a program developed here at TCU and designed to facilitate meaningful dialogue among diverse members of the campus community. The goal of this training is to foster a more inclusive, connected, and vibrant community at TCU. Faculty/Staff training opportunities are scheduled for this fall.
8. Max Krochmal gave a brief introduction to the new CRES (Comparative Race & Ethnic Studies) program, which formed last fall in response to student initiatives. Highly interdisciplinary, CRES seeks to cultivate greater inclusiveness and diversity on campus and help participating students of all majors develop their *intercultural competency*.
9. Provost Nowell Donovan noted the value and relevance of CRES in today's world; gave an update of the ongoing work of the Vision In Action (VIA): Lead On committees; linked the work of last year's ad hoc Senate Committee on TCU's Academic Profile to the Lead On Committee for Goal #1 (Strengthen Academic Profile and Reputation) and to ongoing work to enhance the support of faculty research; reported that a Sustainability Committee has been formed, as has a committee to consider a revision of the TCU Mission Statement.

10. Chair-elect Greg Stephens introduced a second resolution from the Executive Committee expressing the Faculty Senate's support for members of the TCU community affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. This motion passed. (See text below.)
11. In an Open Forum format, three senators spoke about their departments' adverse experiences with the recent marketing efforts to homogenize departmental/program/college **websites**. The unintended consequences of website changes have, in their examples, done real harm to the functioning and integrity of their departmental programs (esp. in matters related to student recruitment and missional statements).
12. Chair Ted Legatski welcomed new and returning senators.
13. Committee chairs were recognized and identified where their standing committees will meet next week.
14. Chair Ted Legatski made closing remarks, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Sense of the Senate Resolution regarding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

The TCU Faculty Senate, in its role as the representative body of the TCU faculty, joins Chancellor Boschini and the TCU Administration in reaffirming our commitment to TCU students and other members of the greater TCU Community affected directly or indirectly by recent announcements regarding the DACA program. We join the call for the U.S. Congress to expeditiously pass legislation that will permanently remove the uncertainty and fear being experienced by those who find themselves in legal limbo through no fault of their own. Keeping the promises made by the U. S. Government to these honest, hard-working, and valued members of our TCU family is the right thing to do and is in keeping with TCU's Mission to "educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community" and our core Values of "academic achievement, personal freedom and integrity, the dignity and respect of the individual, and a heritage of inclusiveness, tolerance and service." Should Congress fail to act in a timely manner, we call upon President Trump to reconsider any discontinuation of the DACA program.

Sense of the Senate Resolution regarding Hurricanes Harvey & Irma

The TCU Faculty Senate supports the ongoing efforts by TCU to provide relief to the more than 900 TCU students and others affected by the destruction caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Further, we urge all TCU faculty members to act compassionately and supportively by, as much as possible, accommodating the special needs and circumstances of our TCU students, faculty, and staff impacted by these unprecedented natural disasters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Quesada
Faculty Senate Secretary