

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
02 April 2015
3:30 – 5:00 PM
Faculty Senate Chambers

Minutes

Senators Present

Argenbright, Kristi; Bedford, David; Begnoche, David; Busbey, Art; Castro-Balbi, Jesus; Chapa, Cynthia; Esposito, Phil; Farmer, Billy; Fry, Julie; Gil, Dan; Gollaher, Timothy; Griffeth, Robin; Jenkins, David; Jenschke, Monica; Jimerson, Jo Beth; Kerstetter, Todd; Krochmal, Max; Lahutsky, Nadia; Ledbetter, Andrew; Legatski, Ted; Lim, Steve; Lockwood, Suzy; Mann, Steven; McFarland, Dianna; McGettigan, Joan; Meier, William; Michaelides, Efstathios; Moeller, Thomas; Moore, Carrie; Nugent, Hylda; Palko, Steffen; Petrovich, James; Quesada, Janis; Sandell, David; Sawyer, Chris; Scherger, Michael; Schiffer, Adam; Schrod, Paul; Scott, Krista; Shniderman, Adam; Shorter, Alan; Simanek, Eric; Skinner, Michael; Spice, Loren; Stephens, Greg; Warrington, Patricia; Whitworth, Keith; Williams, Daniel; Wood, Barbara; Zhang, Qiao.

Senators Excused

Friedman, Greg; Geider, Jeffrey;

Senators Absent

Clinnin, Brian; Hammad, Hanan; Kim, San-ky; Lovett, John; Miller, Vanessa; Moore, Jeff; Moore, Linda; Neilson, Robert H.; Ramasesh, Ranga; Simpson, R. Eric; Woodworth, Steven;

Guests Present

Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, Kathy Cavins-Tull (VC-Student Affairs), Don Whelan (VC-University Advancement), Abigail Massey (TCU 360 reporter), Donna Ernst (Nursing), Romana Hughes (Assistant Provost of Educational Technology and Faculty Development).

Call to Order

1. Faculty Senate Chair Jan Quesada called the meeting to order at 3:30.
2. The minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as submitted.

Old Business

3. N/A

New Business

4. The Senators voted on representatives for the University Advisory Council. The elected representatives are Bob Greer and Richard Allen.
5. Update on the Task Force on the TCU Promise. Chancellor Boschini will convene a task force comprised of a member of the Board of Trustees (Nancy Richards) and two representatives each from the TCU retiree community (Kirk Downey and Stan Hagadone), current TCU faculty (Mary Stanford and Lynn Flahive), and current TCU staff (Robin Williamson and Jay Iorizzo). The task force will convene on Monday, April 13, 2015.
6. University advancement (Don Whelan). Don discussed the timeline for advancement, the Board of Trustees' desire that we think not in terms of proportional change in the endowment, but rather in terms of impact. Nonetheless, the goal is to significantly increase the University's endowment. See his PPT slideshow for further information. He also led a brief discussion around the question "How can we make giving to academics more exciting?" Our number one institutional priority is to increase the academic profile of the University. To date, the best way to do that has been seen as increasing academic scholarships and support for endowed professorships and research. We need to find a way to make academic giving more exciting. Various ideas were suggested by the Senators, such as journals highlighting student submissions, publicizing scholarly accomplishments, giving our work a "story" to capture hearts and make it compelling to potential donors, connecting donor stories with our stories, and helping donors understand how their contributions will make a difference in a very personal way, set up mechanisms whereby people at TCU can sit on boards or participate in councils where they can have a national impact (more than just the 40 people who care about their research). Academics at TCU are a very well-kept secret, especially in our local community, and we need to find a way to change that.
7. Kathy Cavins-Tull gave an update on the honor code passed in 2010 by the Faculty Senate and SGA. Academic integrity is a shared responsibility, and students must monitor their own behavior and that of others. She introduced a flow chart showing the existing and anticipated progression in the event of academic misconduct (see attached PPT slideshow). The proposed structure is extremely elaborate, and may be unwieldy given the number of opportunities for appeals. The Senate agreed that the proposal needs further consideration, especially in light of recent technological advancements that may make academic misconduct more likely, but that a workable process needs to be out in place as soon as possible. She also discussed changes to our alcohol and drug policy on campus, specifically that we will no longer "reset the clock" each year for violations. Students don't like that, but it has worked well. There will be a provision for a medical "amnesty" such that the student who makes a call will not suffer a punitive sanction. We have added more late night programming to give students an alternative to drinking for entertainment late at night. Counseling services have also been extended to 8:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Recent and anticipated developments in concealed carry legislation with regard to college campuses was also briefly discussed.
8. Romy Hughes made a brief presentation on upcoming developments. In our learning management system. Pearson is moving away from LMS, and we will be eliminating our utilization of the Pearson LMS. We have narrowed replacements down to two providers, Desire 2 Learn and Blackboard. The Koehler Center is actively engaging faculty in testing opportunities, focus groups, and demonstrations to obtain feedback about the relative value

of these two learning management systems. Based on extensive surveying of faculty and students, and exploration of what the providers can do, D2L is the clear leader at present. We will be doing pilot testing in Fall 2016. The full campus is expected to go live in Summer 2017.

9. Bill Meier of the Committee on Committees presented a proposal for ensuring adequate representation for committees that must meet in the summer months. Compensation will be provided, but it is anticipated that the need for such meetings will be relatively uncommon.

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Stephens
Faculty Senate Secretary