

TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
December 6, 2007
Justin Board Room, Kelly Alumni Center

Minutes

Senators present

Bob Akin, Arnie Barkman, David Bedford, Mark Bloom, John Breyer, Art Busbey, Jesus Castro-Balbi, Cynthia Chapa, David Cross, Lyn Dart, Ze-Li Dou, Blaise Ferrandino, Lyn Flahive, Juan Floyd-Thomas, Sally Fortenberry, Misha Galaganov, Linda Harrington, Diane Hawley, Gina Hill, Fran Huckaby, Cara Jacocks, Ted Legatski, John Lovett, Nadia Lahutsky, Valerie Martinez-Ebers, Ed McNertney, Linda Moore, Ranjan Muttiah, Sheri Neill, Dianna Newbern, Anna Petursdottir, Marie Schein, Paul Schrodt, Michael Skinner, Greg Stephens, Becky Taylor, Maggie Thomas, John Thompson, Jeffrey Todd, David Vanderwerken, Keith Whitworth, Dan Williams, Barbara Wood, Stu Youngblood,

Senators excused

Jennifer Engler, Suzy Lockwood, Helen Morrison, Melissa Young-Schroeder

Senators absent

Senators resigned

Jeffrey Bumgarner, Andrea Harris

Guests

Victor Boschini (Chancellor), Nowell Donovan (Provost), Don Whelan (Vice Chancellor for University Advancement), Dean Scott Sullivan (Dean of College of Fine Arts) Eric Brast (Ranch Management), Paul King (Communication Studies), Jace Thompson (Student Government Association), Thomas Pressley (Student Government Association), Jordan Haygood (Skiff)

Chair Stu Youngblood called the meeting to order at 3:36.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the November 11, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss or report.

New Business

1. Remarks by Don Whelan (Vice Chancellor for University Advancement)

Vice Chancellor Whalen stated that the reputation of TCU's faculty impacts donations in a positive manner. In regard to the TCU Capital Campaign, TCU has raised nearly \$140,000,000 to date, which is 56% of the goal of 250,000,000 with 36% of the campaign's time elapsed. The campaign kickoff is April 3, 2008 and there will be a 4 ½ year public phase. The campaign areas of emphasis are as follows:

Academic Programs	\$40 million
Scholarships	\$65 million
Faculty	\$20 million
Facilities	\$45 million
Athletics	\$45 million
<u>Annual Fund</u>	<u>\$35 million</u>
Total Goal	\$250 million

(Please see archived Powerpoint document titled, *Creating a World Class, Values Centered University Experience*)

2. Update on Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (Senator Bob Akin)

Senator Akin explained that the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (COIA) is an alliance of 55 Division IA faculty senates whose mission is to provide a national faculty voice on intercollegiate sports issues. He referenced the June 2007 White Paper, titled *Framing the Future: Reforming Intercollegiate Athletics*. There are 28 proposals in the paper covering “four major areas of concern: academic integrity and quality, student-athlete welfare, campus governance of intercollegiate athletics, and fiscal responsibility.” He explained the Academic Progress Rate (APR) and that the benchmark is 925 points. TCU scored 922 points and is expected to improve this year.

3. Grade Replacement (Senator Blaise Ferrandino)

Senator Ferrandino reported that the Academic Excellence Committee has reviewed peer institutions' policies regarding grade replacement and will request a faculty assembly to bring the topic to the faculty for discussion. He stated the committee desires to determine how the faculty feels about the issue. He provided three handouts. One handout provided the following questions to ponder:

1. Should we have a grade restriction on retakes?
2. Should we limit the number of retakes of a given course?
3. How should we handle GPA calculations?
4. Should all grades appear on the transcript?
5. Should items 1 and/or 2 require permission of the instructor? (and/or someone else)

A second handout indicated the current TCU policy on repeating a course, and the third handout provided the results of reviewing peer institutions' policies. He stated there are various policies among our peer institutions, and there seems not to be a consistent standard among universities.

(Please see archived documents titled, *Issues for discussion of new policy; Peer inst rev; and TCU Retake Policy*)

4. Televised Faculty Senate Meetings?, (Senator David Bedford)

Senator Bedford reported that the Student Relations Committee was approached by the TCU Student Government Association to inquire if the Faculty Senate would like for their Senate meetings to be videotaped and broadcast on the TCU television channel. The committee discussed the pros and cons and leaned more toward not wanting the meetings taped and broadcast. The upside is that it would promote transparency and the downside is that there would not be a control mechanism as to how the video would be used. In addition, the Faculty Senate meetings are already open to the public, so the committee questioned the need for videoing the meeting. Senator Bedford requested Senators to contact him if they had any input on the issue.

5. Update on Tenure, Promotions, & Grievance Committee Draft Policy Report (Senator Dianna McFarland)

Senator McFarland introduced the Tenure, Promotions, & Grievance Committee Draft Policy Report and stated the goal of the discussion was to provide an overview of the proposal and solicit all topic areas of concern. Specifically, she requested input regarding content as the first priority, and secondarily, input pertaining to phrasing and grammatical issues. She provided a comparison of the main points of the current and proposed policy. A discussion was held and the Senators generated the following list.

Concerns List - Substantive vs. procedural

- Title change – to include “reappointment, tenure, and promotion”
- Shorten time sequence
- Role of tenured faculty
- Independent appeal
- Streamline process

Senator McFarland thanked the members of the Tenure, Promotions, & Grievance Committee and stressed that it is the responsibility and obligation of the Faculty Senate as an institutional body to provide feedback.

(Please see archived Powerpoint document titled, *TPG 12*)

6. Remarks on Tenure, Promotion, & Grievance Committee Draft Policy Report (Paul King)

Mr. King provided a prepared statement regarding the Tenure, Promotion, & Grievance Committee Draft Policy.

(Please see archived document titled, *King Remarks*)

Announcements

Senator Nadia Luhutsky - June Koelker (Dean of TCU Mary Couets Burnett Library) is interested in exploring with faculty various issues surrounding copyright and ownership. Her question, which I was passing on is, "Have you or any of your colleagues had experiences (good or bad) with negotiating with publishers to keep some rights?"

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.