

**TCU Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**03 December 2015**  
**3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
**Faculty Senate Chambers**

**Minutes**

**Senators Present**

Argenbright, Kristi; Baker, Kathy; Barth, Tim; Bedford, David; Begnoche, David; Busbey, Art; Castro-Balbi, Jesus; Coffey, Jeff; Esposito, Phil; Farmer, Billy; Friedman, Greg; Fry, Julie; Gil, Dan; Gollaher, Timothy; Hammad, Hanan; Hokayem, Hayat; Jenkins, David; Jimerson, Jo Beth; Kerstetter, Todd; Kim, San-ky; Krochmal, Max; Lahutsky, Nadia; Ledbetter, Andrew; Legatski, Ted; Lim, Steve; Lovett, John; Mann, Steven; Meier, William; Michaelides, Efsthios; Moeller, Thomas; Moore, Carrie; Moore, Jeff; Moore, Linda; Packard, Sally; Palko, Steffen; Petrovich, James; Powell, Samantha; Quesada, Janis; Ramasesh, Ranga; Sandell, David; Sawyer, Chris; Scherger, Michael; Schiffer, Adam; Schrodt, Paul; Shniderman, Adam; Shorter, Alan; Simanek, Eric; Skinner, Michael; Solomon, Gloria; Spice, Loren; Stephens, Greg; Warrington, Patricia; Whitworth, Keith; Williams, Daniel; Woodworth, Steven; Wright, Robin; Yorkston, Eric; Zhang, Qiao

**Senators Excused**

Geider, Jeffrey; Jenschke, Monica; Samantha Powell;

**Senators Absent**

Krista Scott;

**Guests Present**

Provost Nowell Donovan, Tuyen Hoang (TCU 360 Reporter), Marsha Ramsey (Director, Center for Academic Services), Brian Gutierrez (VC Finance), Kathy Cavins-Tull (VC Student Affairs)

**Call to Order**

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

**Old Business**

3. N/A

**New Business**

4. Brian Gutierrez led off with comments on the approval of a 4.8% tuition increase. Full budget will be approved in April 2016. Two-thirds of revenue comes from tuition at TCU. The demand rate is very healthy at TCU...people want to come to TCU! Further discussion of the balance between tuition rates vs. scholarships vs. demand rates vs. budgetary needs ensued. Subsequently, Brian took a few questions from the Senators.
5. Marsha Ramsey then addressed the Senate briefly regarding a new version of the student accommodation letter for students with disabilities. This version specifically addresses issues around recording lectures that could result in claims of disparate treatment if not handled carefully. If a student were to violate the terms of the agreement, it would be considered a violation of the honor code, and the student would be subject to sanctions. The new document will be rolled out in January 2016.
6. The chairs of the various Senate committees were then invited to give brief reports on their activities to date and their plans for the spring semester.
7. Announcements:
  - a. The Chancellor's reception for the Faculty Senate will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 in the Chancellor's Dining Room.
  - b. The Provost has confirmed that, in the future, the Chair of the Faculty Senate will have one course reduction (the incumbent is excluded).
  - c. Honor Code: The SGA has put some obstacles – it will not be in place in January.
  - d. Honorary Degrees: Deadline for the receipt of nominations is January 15. Send them to Dr. Greg Stephens.

There being no further business, the Senate adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Stephens  
Faculty Senate Secretary