

## MARCH 31, 2011 FACULTY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MOTIONS

### I. Motion regarding change in wording related to SPOTS in F/S Handbook

"All notations in the TCU Handbook for Faculty and Staff of "Student Evaluation of Instruction" be changed to "Student Perceptions of Teaching".

**Rationale:** As a result of the various efforts on campus by multiple committees, the evaluation committee, and amongst those working on training chairs in interpreting SPOT data, there is an emphasis on understanding that SPOT forms provide student perception of teaching and not student evaluation of teaching. In keeping with the attempt to overhaul the university's (and the faculty's) perception of what SPOTs actually do, we as well as the AEC Committee bring believe that this is an important change that needs to be made to the Faculty & Staff Handbook.

### II. Motion related to change in Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate, Membership

#### ARTICLE II. THE FACULTY SENATE

##### Section 3. Membership and Elections

A. Members representing the several academic units comprising TCU. These academic units are: AddRan College of Liberal Arts, M.J. Neeley School of Business, College of Communication, College of Education, College of Fine Arts, Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, College of Science & Engineering, and University Programs.

B. Faculty should be counted only in the academic unit of their appointment for the purpose of Senate representation. Each academic unit is allocated one Senator for every nine full-time faculty in the unit, with a minimum of one Senator per unit. An additional seat will be allocated for 5 or more full-time faculty beyond multiples of nine.

C. Term of Office and Elections.

1. The Faculty Election Committee (Constitution II.2.D) shall have the following duties:
  - a. determine who is eligible to vote for and to serve on the Faculty Senate;
  - b. oversee the election process;
  - c. determine, every three years, the apportionment of Senators to Colleges based on the official faculty list received from the office of the Provost;
  - d. monitor attendance of Senators at meetings and take corrective action regarding absences if necessary;
  - e. appoint Senators for academic units unable to fill their allocated seats or which have Senators who have resigned;
  - f. strive to maintain proportional distribution among academic units.
2. The term of office of elected senators shall be three years; appointed Senators shall complete the term to which they were appointed.

**Rationale:** In order to ensure that all faculty and academic units at TCU have full representation and all full-time faculty have the opportunity to serve on the Faculty Senate; and as a result Ranch Management being moved into University Programs and recognition that there are full-time faculty appointed to the academic unit of University Programs that have no other university appointment, the FGC brings forward this recommended change to the By-laws.

### III. Motion regarding changes to the Faculty Senate Handbook

*See attached Faculty Senate Handbook*

**Rationale:** The change to Sec IV.A.3.g. reflects the revised Faculty Appeal Policy approved by the FS and BOT in 2010. The standing charges for the FS committees had not been reviewed in several years, the FSEC charged the FGC with reviewing the standing charges with the standing committees, changes to Section V. reflect the result of that review.

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