

**TCU Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**06 October 2016**  
**3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
**Faculty Senate Chambers**

**Minutes**

**Senators Present**

Allender, Marinda; Atkinson, Sean; Baker, Kathy; Bashore, Lisa; Bedford, David; Bradley, Layne; Busbey, Art; Canclini, Sharon; Carrión, José; Castro-Balbi, Jesús; Farmer, Billy; Frable, Pamela; Friedman, Greg; Fry, Julie; Gil, Dan; Hammad, Hanan; Havens, Jill; Hokayem, Hayat; Johnson, Kevin; Jones, Clark; Kerstetter, Todd; Kim, San-ky; Ledbetter, Andrew; Ledis, Dennis; Legatski, Ted; Lovett, John; Maas, Penny; Michaelides, Efstathios; Moeller, Thomas; Moore, Jeff; Murray, Joddy; Palko, Steffen; Preston, David; Quesada, Janis; Ryu, Jay; Sandell, David; Sawyer, Chris; Scherger, Michael; Schiffer, Adam; Sherrod, Melissa; Shorter, Alan; Skinner, Michael; Stephens, Greg; Walters, Patricia; Watkins, Timothy; Whitworth, Keith; Williams, Daniel; Wright, Robin;

**Senators Excused**

Chimbel, Aaron; Jimerson, Jo Beth; Mayne, Rhiannon; Meier, William; Moore, Carrie; Powell, Samantha; Scott, Krista; Spice, Loren; Walker, Charles; Yorkston, Eric

**Senators Absent**

Argenbright, Kristi; Coffey, Jeff; Gollaher, Timothy; Jenschke, Monica; Krochmal, Max; Lim, Steve; Packard, Sally; Sherrod, Michael;

**Guests Present**

Kathy Cavins-Tull (VC-Academic Affairs), Nia Brookins (TCU 360 reporter), Abbey Widick (SGA), Michael Flynn (Dean, Medical School), Todd Waldvogel (Associate VC-Facilities and Campus Planning), Marsha Ramsey (Director, Center for Academic Services), Emily Herzig (Mathematics Faculty)

**Call to Order**

1. Faculty Senate Chair Jesús Castro-Balbi called the meeting to order at 3:30.
2. The minutes of the September 1, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as corrected for minor formatting issues.

**Old Business**

3. N/A

**New Business**

1. Honor code update: Jesús gave an update on the progress toward implementing an honor code for the University, including a very brief history of work on the honor code.
2. Testing center update: Jesús initiated a short discussion on pros and cons for different options for action on a University-wide testing center. Some schools/colleges run their own testing centers, and find it convenient for the students to use in-house. For others, a centralized testing facility would seem to be more equitable, convenient, and less wasteful (due to duplication of resources). Consistency, resource use, availability, and economies of scale were also noted as advantages of a centralized testing center. A straw vote was taken to determine interest in moving forward - a majority (35 of 47) voted in favor of continuing to work toward bringing a centralized testing center to campus.
3. Dean Michael Flynn of the medical school then took some time to share progress and his vision for the medical school. Shooting for first class to start seeing patients in 2025. Issues being addressed for purposes of accreditation include physical space, acquisition of faculty, and financing. Training empathetic physicians who can communicate is a huge challenge that will be addressed by the medical school. In 1980, medical knowledge was doubling every 8 years, but today it is doubling every 76 days! Thus, training physicians to utilize biomedical informatics is also a big challenge. He also entertained questions and comments from the assembled Senators.
4. Todd Waldvogel updated the Senate on the University's facilities master plan. He also responded a few questions.
5. Jesús then shared some thoughts on diversity on campus, and initiated a discussion on the same.

The Senate adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Stephens  
Faculty Senate Secretary