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**TCU Faculty Senate Meeting  
3 September 2009  
3:30 – 5:00 PM  
The Chambers, Brown-Lupton University Union, Room 3004**

**Agenda**

**Call to order: 3:30**

**Welcome guests**

Guests in attendance were Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, Bonnie Melhart, (Associate VC of Academic Affairs), Mike Sinquefield, (TCU Football), Suki John, (Classic and Contemporary Dance), Paige McArdle, TCU Daily Skiff Reporter

**Approval of Minutes of 30 April 2009**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Senators Present**

**Bob Akin, Arnie Barkman, David Bedford, Tony Burgess, Chip Burns, Art Busbey, Jodi Campbell, Jesus Castro- Balbi, Jason Clark-Miller, Rebecca Dority, Ze-Li Dou, Blaise Ferrandino, Lynn Flahive, Sally Fortenberry, Greg Friedman, Misha Galaganov, Charles Hannon, Dianne Hawley, Cara Jacocks, Ted Legatski, Carrie Leverenz, Suzy Lockwood, Steve Mann, Till Meyn, Darren Middleton, Ed McNertney, Artemis Moon, Linda Moore, Sheri Neill, Dianna McFarland, Don Nichols, Julie O'Neil, Anna Petursdottir, Jan Quesada, Claire Sanders, Michael Sawey, Marie Schein, Paul Schrodtt, Melissa Sherrod, Maggie Thomas, Keith Whitworth, Dan Williams, Scott Williams, Barbara Wood**

**Senators Excused**

**Steve Palko, Alan Shorter, Michael Skinner, Kay Stevens**

**Senators Absent**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**1. Welcome and Greetings from TCU Faculty Senate Chair Art Busbey**

Chair Busbey greeted the guests and Senators and welcomed them to the 2009-2010 academic semesters. He introduced the theme of building community among the TCU faculty as one of the major goals of the Faculty Senate. In the Spring semester, the first All Faculty Picnic will be held with boxed lunches, games for families, and a concert for faculty, staff, and students. He also

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stated the Senate has two Senator positions to fill – one in Science in Engineering and the other in Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

### **2. Greetings from TCU Chancellor Victor Boschini**

Chancellor Boschini extended greetings and stated the overall status of TCU is positive, especially compared to many other universities. TCU is financially doing better than expected. The 2009 freshman class has the highest ACT scores of any entering class, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> highest SAT scores. Scharbauer Hall is on schedule and will be a LEED certified building. Reed Hall is being renovated and will be an attractive building on campus. TCU has received funds from donors to build a new TCU Admissions building at Stadium and Berry. The building will be well appointed and have a wow factor. Dr. Danny Morrison (TCU Athletic Director) took a position with an NFL franchise and a search committee will begin searching for a replacement. Dr. Morrison has accomplished a tremendous amount at TCU and will be missed.

### **3. Greetings from TCU Provost Nowell Donovan**

Provost Donovan extended greetings and stated the final touches are being made on the TCU Campus Master Plan. Drilling for gas underneath the TCU campus has begun. The number of minority faculty has increased for three years in a row. The Provost will make available the minutes from the Provost Council in order to continue a commitment to transparency. The Provost's Picnic is October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will provide an opportunity for faculty to mingle with parents and students.

### **4. Greetings from TCU Staff Assembly Chair Angela Kaufmann**

Chair Kaufman extended greetings from the Staff Assembly. The Staff Assembly will focus on issues pertaining to advocacy for staff, building community, and education. There is 1,300 staff at TCU who is ¾ time or more. The Staff Assembly will be having their meetings "on the road" this semester in order for more staff to participate.

### **5. Welcome of TCU Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

Chair Busbey welcomed and introduced the 2009-2010 TCU Faculty Senate Executive Committee as follows: Art Busbey (Chair), Dianna McFarland (Chair-Elect), Sheri Neill (Past Chair), Till Meyn (Assistant Secretary), and Keith Whitworth (Secretary).

### **6. Welcome of New TCU Faculty Senators**

The following new TCU Faculty Senators were welcomed and introduced: Carrie Leverenz (English), Artemis Moon (Marketing), Julie O'Neil (Communication), and Steve Palko (Education).

### **7. Remarks from Mike Sinuefield (Director of Football Operations)**

Mr. Sinuefield expressed an exciting TCU football season is expected. Andy Dalton (Two-time Bowl MVP - Quarterback) is returning and the team will play 4-6 freshmen. Jerry Hughes (Outside Linebacker/Defensive End) is a consensus All-American. TCU will play only on Saturdays this season. If faculty purchases the season football tickets, they can also purchase a \$25.00 General Admission pass for all TCU Athletic events. He thanked faculty for their support and stressed the importance of academics among athletes. He vowed to assist faculty with their

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academic goals in relation to student athletes.

#### **8. TCU Faculty Senate Committee Reports 2008-2009 Summary - Art Busbey**

Chair Busbey introduced the committee chairs as follows: Blaise Ferrandino and Jesus Castro-Balbi (Assistant Chair) (Academic Excellence Committee), Sally Fortenberry and Arnie Barkman (Assistant Chair) (Committee on Committees), Paul Schrodt (Faculty Governance Committee), Ted Legatski (Student Relations Committee) and Dan Williams (Tenure, Promotion, & Grievance Committee).

#### **9. Update on TCU Common Reading (Senator Ed McNertney)**

The TCU Common Reading is housed within the TCU Core Curriculum office and works with the TCU Student Development Services. The Fall 2009 Common Reading was a success and more students participated this year. The Common Reading Steering Committee met four times in the fall and eight times in the spring semester. Senator McNertney thanked all committee members. The readings focused on the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. There were 76 groups with approximately 25 students in each group. He discussed the issue of sending the documents to students electronically, but asking the students to bring a hard copy to the discussion. This in his estimation was not a green practice. The committee is pondering whether the Common Reading can be linked to a theme semester.

#### **10. Presentation of TCU Faculty Senate New Senator Welcome Gifts**

New Senators were presented with a metal water bottle with the TCU Faculty Senate logo.

#### **11. Open Forum – Senators Dianna McFarland and Till Meyn**

Senators McFarland and Meyn discussed the importance of an increased sense of community among the TCU faculty. The idea of the All Faculty Picnic was presented and Senators were encouraged to submit their ideas of how we can increase community among faculty.

#### **Announcements**

None

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.