

**TCU Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**03 March 2016**  
**3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
**Faculty Senate Chambers**

**Minutes**

**Senators Present**

Bedford, David; Begnoche, David; Busbey, Art; Castro-Balbi, Jesus; Coffey, Jeff; Farmer, Billy; Friedman, Greg; Fry, Julie; Gil, Dan; Hammad, Hanan; Jimerson, Jo Beth; Lahutsky, Nadia; Ledbetter, Andrew; Legatski, Ted; Lovett, John; Mann, Steven; Meier, William; Michaelides, Efstathios; Moeller, Thomas; Moore, Jeff; Moore, Linda; Powell, Samantha; Quesada, Janis; Scherger, Michael; Schiffer, Adam; Scott, Krista; Shorter, Alan; Simanek, Eric; Skinner, Michael; Spice, Loren; Stephens, Greg; Warrington, Patricia; Whitworth, Keith; Zhang, Qiao

**Senators Excused**

Geider, Jeffrey; Ramasesh, Ranga; Sandell, David; Schrodt, Paul; Williams, Daniel; Wright, Robin; Yorkston, Eric;

**Senators Absent**

Argenbright, Kristi; Baker, Kathy; Barth, Tim; Esposito, Phil; Gollaher, Timothy; Hokayem, Hayat; Jenkins, David; Jenschke, Monica; Kerstetter, Todd; Kim, San-ky; Krochmal, Max; Lim, Steve; Moore, Carrie; Packard, Sally; Palko, Steffen; Petrovich, James; Sawyer, Chris; Shniderman, Adam; Solomon, Gloria; Woodworth, Steven;

**Guests Present**

Chancellor Victor Boschini, Provost Nowell Donovan, Christopher DelConte (Director of Intercollegiate Athletics), David Willock (Associate Provost and Dean of the Academy of Tomorrow), Rhonda Hatcher (TCU Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA), Daniel Terry (Director of ePortfolio), Kathy Cavins-Tull (Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs)

**Call to Order**

1. Faculty Senate Chair Stathis Michaelides called the meeting to order at 3:30.
2. The minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as submitted.

**Old Business**

3. A "Resolution on Potential Curricular Disruptions" was presented, and is appended at the end of these minutes. Discussion of the resolution proceeded. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the resolution as written.

## **New Business and Invited Presentations**

4. Provost Donovan presented information and plans with the Senate regarding use of adjuncts (and replacement plans), department chair stipends, endowed chair and professorship operational budgets, faculty travel budgets, faculty promotional increases, and faculty career pathways.
5. Chris Del Conte (Director of Intercollegiate Athletics) then addressed the Senate regarding the necessary and appropriate distinctions between the roles of athletics and academics. He also spoke about the importance of athletics in making higher education available to many who might not otherwise have that opportunity. He ended by responding to questions and comments from the assembled Senators. Senate Chair Stathis Michaelides also formally thanked Mr. Del Conte for his influence and agreement with the changes the Senate has proposed regarding accommodations for academic purposes in the event of curricular distractions (such as the use of parking lots for tailgating before 5:00 PM on midweek game days).
6. David Willock (Associate Provost and Dean of the Academy of Tomorrow) then spoke about the history, purpose, and initiatives of the Academy of Tomorrow. The latter include the Frogfolio e-portfolio program, theme years, and academic fellows, among others. He spoke of ideas in various stages of planning for further activities within the Academy of Tomorrow. He also spoke briefly about the student honor code under consideration. It is currently being reviewed and discussed by associate deans from all schools and colleges, and (hopefully) will be approved and in place for the Fall 2016 semester. The Academy of Tomorrow is near to bringing a website online, where most of the information Dr. Willock discussed will be available.
7. Ted Legatski provided a brief update on progress toward Senate elections. Five colleges or schools have uncontested elections. A motion was seconded to approve the uncontested slate by acclamation, and was voted on (and passed) by the Senate. There are three schools with contested elections, and competitive elections will be held the week after spring break. A motion was made to approve the Faculty Senate terms for the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and was seconded. The Senate voted unanimously to approve the motion. The deadline for nominations for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is March 23rd. Nominees will be presented at the April 7th Senate meeting. The elections will be on April 28th. Additional nominations will be permitted at that time.

The Senate adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Stephens  
Faculty Senate Secretary

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### **A Resolution on Potential Curricular Disruptions**

Whereas TCU delivers an outstanding student experience through the curricular and co-curricular, and

Whereas the varied units within TCU independently seek to deliver excellence in their respective missions, and

Whereas all units recognize that success requires balancing University priorities and investments, and

Whereas balancing priorities often requires careful collaboration and consultation, and

Whereas the Faculty Senate gratefully acknowledges previous efforts made by various units and programs to limit curricular disruptions,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate requests that it be notified as early as possible of any events that might disrupt the academic calendar, and specifically courses, and that, whenever possible, dialogue and collaboration be undertaken in advance to mitigate possible curricular disruptions.