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TCU Faculty Senate Meeting
29 April, 2010
3:30 – 5:00 PM
The Chambers, Brown-Lupton University Union, Room 3004

Agenda

Senators Present

Arnie Barkman, David Bedford, Tony Burgess, Chip Burns, Art Busbey, Jesus Castro-Balbi, Jason Clark-Miller, Rebecca Dority, Ze-Li Dou, Blaise Ferrandino, Sally Fortenberry, Greg Friedman, Dianne Hawley, Ted Legatski, Carrie Leverenz, Suzy Lockwood, Steve Mann, Dianna McFarland, Ed McNertney, Till Meyn, Darren Middleton, Artemis Moon, Linda Moore, Sheri Neill, Hylda Nugent, Julie O'Neil, Steve Palko, Anna Petursdottir, Claire Sanders, Paul Schrodt, Kay Stevens, Keith Whitworth, Dan Williams, Scott Williams, Barbara Wood

Senators Excused

Bob Akin, Jodi Campbell, Lynn Flahive, Misha Galaganov, Charles Hannon, Cara Jacocks, Jan Quesada, Michael Sawey, Marie Schein, Melissa Sherrod, Alan Shorter, Michael Skinner, Maggie Thomas,

Senators Absent

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

Welcome Guests

Guests included Provost Nowell Donovan, Brian Gutierrez, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration, Kenneth Janak, Budget and Financial Planning Director, David Whillock, Dean of the TCU College of Communication, and Stu Youngblood, Neely School of Business - TCU Management Department

Approval of Minutes - April 01, 2010

The April 1, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. TCU Financial Report (Brian Gutierrez, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration, and Kenneth Janak, Budget and Financial Planning Director)

Brian Gutierrez stated the upcoming year is looking more stable and it is actually turning into a bit of a “show” due to how well TCU is doing financially. Tuition will be \$30,000 per year and financial aid is being carefully examined in light of the tuition increase. He provided an overview of the FY 2011 Expense Budget. There will be seven new faculty positions and health insurance premiums are not increasing. Campus security and safety are priorities and the new budget reflects an increase in these areas.

2. Dean’s Report (David Whillock, Dean of the TCU College of Communication)

Dean Whillock remarked that faculty are giving up tenure to come to TCU. The College of Communication is growing and is experiencing new energy, technology, and people. The Moudy building renovation is a \$5.6 million project, with all but \$300,000 raised. In 2000, there were 720 students in the College of Communication, and currently there are 1200 students. New technology is impacting society, and the 2,300 square-foot convergence center is preparing students for the new multimedia future.

3. TCU Faculty Senate Committee Reports

Committee on Committees (CoC) – Committee Chair Sally Fortenberry stated the committee filled 33 positions for university committees and held a committee chair orientation session. The committee continues to compile standard operation procedures for each university committee. The committee assisted in soliciting nominations for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Student Relations Committee (SRC) – Committee Chair Ted Legatski stated the committee continues working with the TCU Student Development Services in relation to the First Year Experience. The committee is discussing developing a new forum for faculty that will better serve the needs of the faculty, as opposed to the Joint Assembly. Committee members attended the Student Government Association meetings.

Faculty Governance Committee (FGC) - Committee Chair Suzy Lockwood stated the committee finalized the editing of the Faculty Senate Handbook. The committee examined the issue of laptops in the classroom.

Academic Excellence Committee (AEC) – Committee Chair Blaise Ferrandino stated the committee examined the issues of course repeats and the averaging of grades. The committee liasoned with the TCU Honors College and also is helping to operationalize the TCU Honor Code.

4. Faculty Senate Committee Selection (Till Meyn, Assistant Secretary)

Assistant Secretary Meyn reported the new apportionment of Senators would rise from 50 to 58 senators. The following new Faculty Senate Executive Members were elected by acclamation.

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Chair: Dianna McFarland

Chair-Elect: Dan Williams

Secretary: Marie Schein

Assistant Secretary: Till Meyn

5. Welcome of New Faculty Senators (Dianna McFarland, Chair-Elect)

Chair-Elect Dianna McFarland introduced and welcomed the new Faculty Senators.

6. Recognition of Outgoing Faculty Senators (Art Busbey, Chair)

Chair Art Busbey recognized and thanked the outgoing Faculty Senators.

7. Recognition of Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Keith Whitworth, Secretary)

Secretary Keith Whitworth expressed appreciation and presented gifts to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee members.

8. Ceremonial Passing of the Chair's Gavel(s) (Art Busbey, Chair)

Chair Busbey passed the Chair's gavel to Chair-Elect Dianna McFarland.

9. Remarks from Provost Nowell Donovan

Provost Donovan remarked that TCU is making remarkable progress as an intellectual community. The quality of students and faculty is steadily increasing. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation is on the horizon and one area we need to focus on is post tenure review. TCU is revisiting the Vision In Action initiative and if it is re-established, a primary focus will be on the Academy. The facility master plan envisions a total recast of the TCU Library. New facilities are needed for TCU Nursing due to phenomenal and steady growth as well as a classroom facility and a parking garage. TCU is exploring the possibility of a new building for the School of Music. The TCU Ballet and Modern Dance building and the Ed Landreth Hall are scheduled to be renovated. The TCU Honor Code and electronic SPOT initiatives are progressing. TCU purchased STRATFOR, a global information service. "STRATFOR's global team of intelligence professionals provides an audience of decision-makers and sophisticated news consumers in the U.S. and around the world with unique insights into political, economic, and military developments. The company uses human intelligence and other sources combined with powerful analysis based on geopolitics to produce penetrating explanations of world events. This independent, non-ideological content enables users not only to better understand international events, but also to reduce risks and identify opportunities in every region of the globe. The company delivers content daily on its Web site, in videos, e-mails and books, and an iPhone app." (http://www.stratfor.com/about_stratfor)

Announcements

None

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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Reception (food and drinks)

A reception with food and drinks was provided for all Senators and guests.