

**TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

**FACULTY SENATE**

BLUU BALLROOMS A&B

MAY 4, 2017

3:30 PM

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order
  - II. Approval of minutes from April 6, 2016
  - III. Welcome of New and Returning Senators
  - IV. Remarks by Victor Boschini, Chancellor
  - V. Remarks by Nowell Donovan, Provost
  - VI. Old Business
    - a) Elections Committee: Executive Committee Elections– Jesús Castro-Balbi, Chair
    - b) Honor Code – Ted Legatski, Chair-elect
  - VII. New Business
    - a) Academic Excellence Committee Motions– Joddy Murray, Chair
    - b) Committee on University Committees Motion – Bill Meier, Chair
    - c) Students Relations Committee Motion - Robin Wright, Chair
    - d) Resolution on the Funding of Federal Programs – Jesús Castro-Balbi, Chair
    - e) Faculty Webpages– Jesús Castro-Balbi, Chair
    - f) Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities – Jesús Castro-Balbi, Chair
  - VIII. Announcement of Executive Committee Elections Results – Stathis Michaelides, Past-chair
  - IX. Recognition of Outgoing Senators
  - X. Remarks by Jesús Castro-Balbi, Outgoing Chair
  - XI. Remarks by Ted Legatski, Incoming Chair
  - XII. Adjournment
- Reception
- (Motions on back)

## **Motions**

### Academic Excellence Committee

The Faculty Senate recommends to the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees that TCU provide a net positive increase in classroom availability—especially for classrooms designed for 20-40 students—as well as improve the flexibility, technology, and active learning accommodations for all classrooms.

The Faculty Senate recommends to the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees that TCU achieve the Carnegie Foundation's Classification for Community Engagement by the year 2020.

### Committee on University Committees

The Faculty Senate recommends to discontinue the Student Media University Committee at the end of the 2016-17 academic year.

### Students Relations Committee

The Faculty Senate recommends to the Chancellor that TCU create and give oversight to the Veterans Service Department of a centrally located Veteran Resource Center housing the Veterans Services Department, the Veteran Affairs Certifying Official, and the Student Veterans Alliance, including a conference room and a lounge space where the veteran and military community can congregate.

### Faculty Senate Resolution on the Funding of Federal Programs for the Arts, Humanities, Sciences, and Society.

Recognizing that:

- Artistic, humanistic, and scientific programs are essential for maintaining a healthy society;
- To fulfill its mission TCU fosters artistic, humanistic, and scientific inquiry, discussion, education, and communication,
- The proposed federal budget has the potential to severely reduce or eliminate a wide array of programs that support: student financial needs; educational programs that promote learning; scientific programs that discover and disseminate vital knowledge; and creative programs that foster aesthetic expression and appreciation;
- The proposed federal budget could not only adversely impact society, but also the University's ability to support learning and scholarship, knowledge-based understanding, artistic creation, humanistic discourse, and scientific erudition and perception;

The Texas Christian University Faculty Senate, representing the TCU faculty, affirms the importance to the University and higher education of federal programs that contribute to the University's mission. Furthermore, the TCU Faculty Senate expresses its position that federal budget reductions or changes should not target programs that have proven supportive of the sciences, the arts, and other aspects of the University's mission.