**TCU Faculty Senate Meeting**

**28 April 2016**

**3:30 – 5:00 PM**

**Faculty Senate Chambers**

**Minutes**

**Senators Present**

Barth, Tim; Bedford, David; Busbey, Art; Castro-Balbi, Jesús; Farmer, Billy; Friedman, Greg; Fry, Julie; Geider, Jeffrey; Gil, Dan; Gollaher, Timothy; Hammad, Hanan; Hokayem, Hayat; Kerstetter, Todd; Lahutsky, Nadia; Ledbetter, Andrew; Legatski, Ted; Lim, Steve; Lovett, John; Mann, Steven; Meier, William; Michaelides, Efstathios; Moeller, Thomas; Moore, Carrie; Moore, Jeff; Packard, Sally; Palko, Steffen; Quesada, Janis; Ramasesh, Ranga; Sandell, David; Scherger, Michael; Schiffer, Adam; Scott, Krista; Shorter, Alan; Simanek, Eric; Spice, Loren; Stephens, Greg; Warrington, Patricia; Whitworth, Keith; Williams, Daniel; Wright, Robin; Yorkston, Eric; Zhang, Qiao

**Senators Excused**

Barth, Tim; Farmer, Billy; Moore, Linda;

**Senators Absent**

Argenbright, Kristi; Baker, Kathy; Begnoche, David; Coffer, Jeff; Esposito, Phil; Jenkins, David; Jenschke, Monica; Jimerson, Jo Beth; Kim, San-ky; Krochmal, Max; Petrovich, James; Powell, Samantha; Sawyer, Chris; Schrodt, Paul; Shniderman, Adam; Skinner, Michael; Solomon, Gloria; Woodworth, Steven;

**Guests Present**

Provost Nowell Donovan, Dr, Stewart Flynn (Founding Dean of the TCU-UNTHSC Medical School)

**Call to Order**

1. Faculty Senate Chair Stathis Michaelides called the meeting to order at 3:30.
2. The minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting of the Faculty Senate were approved as submitted.

**Old Business**

1. N/A

**New Business**

1. Brief remarks were made by Dr. Stewart Flynn (founding Dean of the TCU/UNTHSC medical school) by way of introduction. He anticipates that the medical school will become simply an integral part of the fabric of TCU. He looks at this venture as a way to train new medical students in a new paradigm of medical care, and an opportunity to become a leader in the field.
2. Faculty Senate Executive Committee elections then took place. Ballots were distributed. The only contested election was for Senate Chair-Elect. After counting the ballots (completed by Dr. Geider and Dr. Moore), the following individuals were elected to the positions as indicated:
	1. Senate Chair-Elect: Ted Legatski
	2. Secretary: Greg Stephens
	3. Assistant Secretary: Greg Friedman
	4. Information Officer: Art Busbey
3. Dr. Greg Friedman spoke briefly regarding the appended resolution from the AEC and SRC committees regarding academic appeals. With one minor wording change, the resolution passed the Senate vote.
4. The Chairs of the six Faculty Senate Committees then gave brief summary reports of their committees' activities over the past year. These included Dr. Greg Friedman (AEC), Dr. Krista Scott (SRC), Dr. Bill Meier (COC), Dr. Julie Fry (EEC), Dr. Andrew Ledbetter (FRC), and Mr. Jeff Geider (GC). The full written reports are available upon request to the relevant chair(s).
5. Outgoing Senators were acknowledged and thanked for their service in this important body. Re-elected Senators were also acknowledged and thanked for their ongoing service. Finally, those of the newly elected Senators who were able to attend this meeting were introduced and welcomed as colleagues in the Senate.
6. Announcements were made regarding (1) an appeal for faculty to host family dinners for incoming freshman students in August; (2) a Charter of Understanding regarding the principle of shared governance in the University will be framed and hung in the Library; (3) the Board of Trustees has approved the new budget for the upcoming fiscal year and also approved all nominations for promotion and tenure submitted by the Provost.
7. Brief remarks were the made by outgoing Senate Chair Dr. Stathis Michaelides. He was followed by incoming Senate Chair Jesús Castro-Balbi who also made brief remarks.

The Senate adjourned at 4:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Stephens

Faculty Senate Secretary