**Faculty Senate Minutes (11/04/2021) at 3:30 pm via Zoom**

**Link to the recording:**

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*Senators present*: Danyelle Ackall, Lavonne Adams, Sean Atkinson, Lisa Bashore, Joshua Bentley, David Bedford, Layne Bradley, Brian Clinnin, Ashley Coles, Layne Craig, Kathryn Ellis, Patrcia Duncan, Phil Esposito, Pamela Frable, Greg Friedman, Peter Frinchaboy, Julie Fry, Alan Gallay (replacing Hanan Hammad), Sophia Garcia, Eric Gonzales, Jill Havens, Emily Herzig, Tracy Hicks, Hayat Hokayem, Hadi Hosainy, Oteka Jackson-Cenales, Clark Jones, Swaminathan Kalpathy, San-Ky Kim, Erik Kojola, Ted Legatski, Laurel Lynch, Lydia Mackay, Kelly McCormick, Till Meyn, Vassil Mihov, Thomas Moeller, Alex Lemon, Katie Lauve-Moon, Joddy Murray, Marc Neri, Kimberly Owczarski, Jan Quesada, Brandy Quinn, Twyla Robinson James Rodriguez, David Sandell, Michael Sawey, Erik Simanek, Rebecca Sharpless, Laura Singletary, Loren Spice, Matt Switzer, Amy Stewart, Daxton Stewart, Derek Tomlin, Corey Trahan, Bingyan Wei, Daniel Williams, Scott Williams (replacing Jeffrey Todd), Mark Willis, Barbara Wood, Qinghua Yang, Jessica Zeller.

*Senators absent (Excused)*: Janie Robinson,

*Senators absent (Unexcused)*: Ellen Broom, Sage Elwell, Jennifer Engler, Guangyan Chen, Cliff Defee, Dustin Hahn, Marlo, Jeffries Morgan Kiani, Sohyun, Lee, Santiago Pinon, Chris Sawyer, Sriram Thirumala, Tee Tyler.

Dr. Joddy Murray, the Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. He presented the minutes which were approved. Joddy gave the floor to Vice Provost Susan Weeks who talked about the mission statement. She said that in 2017 there was a task force to examine the mission statement. There was a recommendation that Research & Creative activities need to be expanded in the mission statement. The Board of Trustees (BOT) decided to retain the old mission statement. In Spring 2021, Dr. David Allen, the Director of Institutional Effectiveness expressed the concern that the mission statement won’t satisfy the SACSCOC accreditation. Therefore, it was determined that there needs to be an expansion of the mission statement to include how we define scholarship at TCU. So the existing mission statement was expanded to include scholarship, research, and creative activities. Joddy then asked the Senate to provide feedback to him which he can share with the Provost and the Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate will vote for a revision in the February faculty senate meeting, after which it can then go to the BOT in February.

Then Joddy gave the floor to Ashley Coles, the Chair of the Sustainability Committee. She said that their committee focuses on social and economic equity to support future generations. They are creating a TCU sustainability statement which will go to the Faculty and Staff Handbook. They are now working with different constituencies from different parts of campus. After they finish, the work will move to the FS Governance Committee and it will then be presented to the full Faculty Senate from there.

Then Joddy gave the floor to Dr. Fredrik Gooding (Dr. G) who talked about the Race and Reconciliation Initiative (RRI). He said that the Provost signed off on five year plan to continue this program and panel discussions. So far they have a report of the first year, and are starting the second year. Now they are planning to take a broader look at better incorporating the Native American and Latinx stories. They will also have inclusive teaching practices as part of the coming speaker series as a way to creatively engage students in this work.

Then Joddy gave the floor to April Brown who updated everyone that on November 9, 10, 11, 2021 there will be an open house at the new veteran resource center (Jarvis Hall) which will be designated for veteran students and families to gather. There will also be a small booklet that will be a resource and help start conversations with veterans.

Then Joddy gave the floor to Dr. Pamela Frable who talked reminded senators about our Honorary Senator designation. She reminded everyone that December 1 is the date to submit a nomination for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC), who will review the nomination to make sure the nomination is eligible. The eligibility for winning the designation of an Honorary Senator is that the person must be a former or current senator who has provided substantial service, advocacy, and demonstrated leadership for the senate. Nominations are limited to current of former senators. She clarified that an honorary senator is a recognition to the individual that he/she can have all the time, but does not alter his/her duties.

Then Joddy called for an executive session and asked all non-senators to leave and he stopped the recording.