**Faculty Senate Minutes (02/10/2022) at 3:30 pm via Zoom**

*Senators present*: Danyelle Ackall, Lavonne Adams, Sean Atkinson, Lisa Bashore, Joshua Bentley, Layne Bradley, Ellen Broom, Brian Clinnin, Ashley Coles, Layne Craig, Patrcia Duncan, Kathryn Ellis,Jennifer Engler, Phil Esposito, Pamela Frable, Greg Friedman, Peter Frinchaboy, Julie Fry, Sophia Garcia, Eric Gonzales, Hannan Hammad, Jill Havens, Emily Herzig, Hayat Hokayem, Hadi Hosainy, Oteka Jackson-Cenales, Clark Jones, Swaminathan Kalpathy, Eric Kojola, San-Ky Kim, Ted Legatski, Laurel Lynch, Lydia Mackay, Kelly McCormick, Till Meyn, Vassil Mihov, Thomas Moeller, Katie Lauve-Moon, Joddy Murray, Marc Neri, Kimberly Owczarski, Jan Quesada, Brandy Quinn, Janie Robinson, Twyla Robinson, Keith Whitworth (replacing David Sandell), Michael Sawey, Chris Sawyer, Rebecca Sharpless, Loren Spice , Amy Stewart, Daxton Stewart, Sriram Thirumala, Derek Tomlin, Corey Trahan, Tee Tyler, Bingyan Wei, Daniel Williams, Jeffrey Todd, Mark Willis, Barbara Wood, Qinghua Yang, Keith Saunders (replacing Jessica Zeller).

*Senators absent (Excused)*: Sage Elwell, Marlo Jeffries, Morgan Kiani, James Rodrigues, Matt Switzer,

*Senators absent (Unexcused)*:David Bedford, Guangyan Chen, Cliff Defee, Dustin Hahn, Tracy Hicks, Erik Simanek, Sohyun Lee, Alex Lemon, Santiago Pinon, Laura Singletary.

Dr. Joddy Murray, the Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order, and the minutes were approved. He announced that Dr. James Rodrigues is the Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI) officer that recently joined the faculty senate executive committee (FSEC). He also said that the FSEC is in the process of improving the Faculty Senate (FS) web page. He gave the floor to Provost Dahlberg who applauded the effort to create the JEDI position. She then talked about wearing masks which she said was not a problem inside classrooms, but it is problem to have students wear them outside of classrooms within indoor public spaces. She noted that the Scheiffer College of Communication was successful in having students wearing masks outside. She also reported that there was steep decrease in Omicron cases at the moment.

Then, Dr. Murray gave the floor to this year’s Student Government Association (SGA) and Graduate Student Senate (GSS) presidents. L’aurent Honeycutt, the president of SGA, discussed their effort to form more committees, to have more printers available for students, and to collaborate with Dr. Fisher on mental health awareness and issues. Leslie Ekpe, the president of GSS, talked about previous work of having a graduate student (GS) retreat in Austin, a GS orientation, a welcome back party of 150 participants, and the many activities for graduate students. She also talked about the effort to increase graduate student representation among various committees at TCU. Ashely Cole welcomed a graduate student participant in the sustainability committee. Leslie Ekpe also talked about their efforts to work on free health care for full time graduate students, and mentioned that they have elections for the GSS in the spring of 2022.

Next, Joddy gave the floor to the director of core curriculum, Teresa Gaul, who explained about the core curriculum assessment process. She said that the core curriculum has 14 competency areas, and 36 learning outcomes. There needs to be 2 to 3 learning goals assessed each year over a 7 year cycle. Currently the faculty senate (FS) is reviewing the core, and review committee found it hard to interpret the assessment report of previous years. In addition, there are new SACS expectations which requires a more frequent assessment cycle. This is making the process difficult especially with the time pressure to provide SACS/COC with a convincing assessment plan in place. Therefore, there are changes being made for this spring to the assessment schedule and to the core curriculum learning outcomes at the institutional level without changing the core curriculum itself. In January, she introduced those changes to the academic excellence committee (AEC), giving heads up about the work. The FS will vote on the changes in March after it passes the AEC.

Joddy then opened the vote on the change of the mission statement. He presented the two options of the mission statement that the FSEC submitted. The results of the vote were: 84% for version A, 14% for version B and 2% abstained. The revised Mission Statement for TCU reads as follows:

The mission of Texas Christian University, a private comprehensive university, is **to educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community** through research and creative activities, scholarship, service, and programs of teaching and learning offered through the doctoral level.

Then Dr. Murray asked those that are not senators to leave the zoom meeting and moved the session to a full executive session to discuss honorary degrees.

At 5 pm Dr. Murray adjourned the meeting.