

1. President Pullin and Provost Dahlberg commended the faculty for their support to students upon the tragic death of Wes Smith.
2. The Provost announced a) release of online faculty handbook, b) healthy enrollment numbers, c) assured that there is no closure of DEI, c) all news from the Provost office could be obtained from www.provost.tcu.edu
3. Eric Wood (2nd floor in Jarvis Hall) is the director of counseling services encouraged faculty to refer any student who needs help to their office. He said that 85% of the students who show up do so because someone asks them to , not independently. He said that he's willing to work with units to increase awareness.
4. In our new Faculty Feature segment, Dr. Fredrick Gooding Jr. talked about his book "A History to remember: TCU in purple, white and black" and encouraged everyone to attend his presentation on Sep 20 at 7 pm at the Kelly center.
5. In a closed session Omar began to discuss the work done in the summer on addressing four top priorities he identified through one-on-one meetings with faculty senators and the faculty. The top priorities identified (in order of immediate priority) were:
 - a. The 3.5% retirement cuts
 - b. Re/strengthening the Faculty-Administration relationship
 - c. Having time to discuss things at meetings
 - d. Faculty Representation on Board of TrusteesOmar explained why priority 1 is a lost cause. He also believes priority 4 is a vain pursuit – unless Priority 2 is achieved with superior grades. Priority 2 and 3 is where he sees us as a Faculty Senate can really make an impact and serve the faculty well for the 2023-2024.