

## **Faculty Senate Minutes (11/02/2023) in person and via zoom.**

*Senators present:* Danyelle Ackall, Taryn Allen, Kat Barger, Stephen Boakye, Richard Bond, Ellen Broom, Leslie Browning-Samoni, Brian Clinnin, Tristan Decker, Phil Esposito, Michael Fagella-Luby, Pamela Frable, Greg Friedman, Julie Fry, Guy Golan, Sue Gong, Eric Gonzales, Omar Harvey, Jill Havens, Emily Herzig, Tracy Hicks, Hayat Hokayem, Hadi Hosainy, Jessica Humphrey, Debi Iba, Lynn Jackson, Oteka Jackson-Cenales, Stephanie Jevas, Clark Jones, Patricia Jordan, Adam King, Ian Loveall, Laurel Lynch, Kelly McCormick, Vassil Mihov, Thomas Moeller, Kimberly Owczarski, Santiago Pinon, Kim Posey, Jan Quesada, Shuv Raj, Rana Bhat, David Sandell, Chris Sawyer, Meena Shah, Rebecca Sharpless, Michael Skinner, Loren Spice, Chip Stewart, Matt Switzer, Jeff Todd, Derek Tomlin, Corey Trahan, Kelly Trager, Danielle Walker, Robyn Ward, Laurie Wood, Daniel Williams, Barbara Wood, , Brae Young, Qinghua Yang .

*Senators absent (Excused):* Mat Wenzel, Marc Neri, James Rodriguez, Janie Robinson.

*Senators absent (Unexcused):* Sarah Angle, Antonio Banos, Ashok Bhusal, Layne Bradley, Michael Buckman, Molli Brenshaw, Richard Galvin, San-ky Kim, Alex Lemon, Elisa Marroquin, Peter Obitade, Wei Bingyang, Xiaolu Zhou, Ying-Wen Yu, Sriram Thirumalai, Krista Scott.

The Chair of the Faculty Senate (FS), Dr. Omar Harvey, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. He started with the Land Acknowledgement, then he announced that the honorary degrees will be discussed in the December meeting, then he reminded everyone of the Beto Cruz award and encouraged everyone to donate. He then announced that the December meeting is in person only because there will be an important issues to discuss and voting will take place.

Next Omar gave the floor to Provost Dahlberg. She said that the she and her team took the professional development about media from the TCU communication office and how to deal with media harassment. She asked the communication office to provide the professional development training to all Faculty Senate members, and it's going to be an in-person development so that there is an interactive discussion, This will take place in our December Faculty Senate meeting.

Then the Provost said that for two years the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) had asked her to address the Tenure and Promotion Review Committee review of Tenure and Promotion (T&P). There was a Faculty Senate Representative listed on it and they currently submitted recommendations on how to improve the T&P policy and on how to appoint non-tenure track faculty. She also said that Associate Provost Fran Huckaby is the liaison to the committee and together, with the FS committee members, will decide on how to bring it to the senate. There was a question as to why the members the Faculty Relations Committee (FRC) or why the FRC did not handle this issue. The Provost replied that since she's been Provost, there was not a clear process from the Faculty Senate on how Faculty Senate representatives were selected for such tasks, it has been the custom for the Provost to the communicate with the Chair of the Faculty

Senate for recommendations of individuals who can serve on some ad-hoc committees. She urged the Faculty Senate to develop a clear process of what the Faculty Senate should do when the Provost solicits faculty representation in terms of who should be appointed and the responsibilities of those individuals.

She then moved to the topic of sustainability which the Board of Trustees requested. She said that her office is now working on classifying all courses at the university in various colleges in order to make the class sizes more efficient. The number of students for undergraduate traditional classes will be set at no smaller than 10.

Then Omar gave the floor to Director of Communication and Special Project in the Provost's office, Elaine Cole who navigated the website [www.provost.tcu.edu](http://www.provost.tcu.edu) and showed faculty where to find various topics or projects in the Provost's office.

Then Omar moved to a closed session and at 5 pm he adjourned the meeting.