

## **Faculty Senate Minutes (10/03/2024) .**

*Senators present:* Taryn Allen, Penn Ayvaunn, Kat Barger, Rana Bhat, Ashok Bhusal, Stephen Boakye, Antonio Banos, Richard Bonde, Michael Bukhman, Layne Bradley, Leslie Browning-Samoni, Ken Corbit , Molli Crenshaw, Samantha Davis, Michael Fagella-Luby Pamela Frable, Julie Fry, Richard Galvin, Akkaraju Giridhar, Sue Gong, Eric Gonzales, Duke Greenhill, Golan Guy, Alfred Gwendolyn, , Emily Herzig, Stephanie Jevas, Omar Harvey, Hayat Hokayem, Murell Horton, Hadi Hosainy, Jessica Humphrey, Debi Iba, Oteka Jackson-Cenales, Laurel Lynch, Lynn Jackson, Stephanie Jevas, Marlo Jeffries Clark Jones, Patricia Jordan, Adam King, Eun Huye Lee, Alex Lemon, Ian Loveall, Laurel Lynch, Brandon Manning, Elisa Marroquin, Kelly McCormick, Thomas Moeller, Marc Neri, Peter Obitade, Kimberly Owczarski, Santiago Pinon, Kim Posey, Jan Quesada, Marla Ringel, James Rodriguez, David Sandell, Chris Sawyer, Krista Scott, Rebecca Sharpless, Michael Skinner, Jeff Todd, Robyn Trocchio, Bingyang Wei, Kelly Trager, Robyn Ward , Yingwen Yu, Danielle Walker, Daniel Williams, Brae Young, Xialou Zhou.

*Senators absent (Excused):* Danielle Ackall, Laurie Wood

*Senators absent (Unexcused):*

At 3:30 pm, the Chair of the Faculty Senate (FS), Dr. James Rodriguez, called the meeting to order, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved. After the land acknowledgment, James gave the floor to Interim Provost, Dr. Floyd Wormley who said that some students were complaining about timely feedback and encouraged faculty to give students timely evaluations and feedback. Then James gave the floor to Tom Wavering, the chief university strategy and innovation officer. Tom said that he started as an electric engineer and has been working in the University of Oklahoma for the past 8 year before moving to TCU to carry out the strategic plan using his skills in innovation and entrepreneurship. He talked about four pillars:

- a- TCU being a student-centered university, and so the plan is to grow the university to 20,000 to 21,000 students with 18,000 undergraduates and 3000 graduates. One initiative is to grow the first generation student population more.
- b- Research and scholarship activities and the plan is to increase the graduation of Ph.D's to 100 students per year. Interim Provost Wormley added that there will be funds to support the increase of research and creative activity. There was a question if the increase of student population by 30 to 50% more, what would be the percentage increase of faculty? The answer was that keeping the 14:1 student faculty ratio, one can then look at the faculty and what they are doing, whether teaching, research, or both and then figure out who will do

what and how many are needed for each category. There is the possibility that some faculty will be hired to do more research and grant activities, while others hired to do more teaching. Someone asked if values are taken into consideration with all those ideas to which he answered that values are important and TCU will not be engage in a collaboration with anyone which would affect it's reputation.

- c- Enhance Athletics by creating more opportunities to engage and support athletics activities.
- d- Engage in the community by partnering with the industry or other community centers to create more opportunities for collaboration

At 5 pm, the faculty senate chair, Dr. James Rodriguez adjourned the meeting.