

Faculty Senate Minutes (09/04/2025).

Senators present: Penn Ayvaun, Kat Barger, Shuv Raj Rana Bhat, Latasha Baker, Richard Bonde, Leslie Browning-Samoni Michael Bukhman, Ashok Bhusal, Brie Diamond, Phil Esposito, Michael Fagella-Luby, Grace Franko Barlow, Jessica Fripp, Julie Fry, Kaiqun Fu, Vaughan Galvin, Hayat Hokayem, Jill Havens, Emily Herzig, Jessica Humphrey Debi Iba, Oteka Jackson-Cenales Laurel Lynch, Stephanie Jevas, Clark Jones, Patricia Jordan, Haerim Liz Lee, Ian Loveall, Laurel Lynch, Elisa Marroquin, Mike Misamore, Pablo Montes, Marc Neri, , Ashley Palmer, Jan Quesada, Marla Ringel, James Rodriguez, David Sandell , Tom Seng, Krista Scott, Paul Schrodt, Michael Sawey, Rebecca Sharpless, Loren Spice, Allison Stamates, Jeff Todd, Kelly Trager, Robin Trocchio, Daniel Williams, Charles Withnell, Qinghua Yang, Brae Young, .

Senators absent (Excused): Taren Allen, Ken Corbit, Thomas Moeller, Chris Sawyer.

Senators absent (Unexcused): Santiago Pinon, Alex Lemon, Peter Obitade, Nelis Potgieter, Kim Posey, Laurie Wood, Ying-wen Yu, Xialou Zhou.

The Chair of the Faculty Senate (FS), Dr. Rebecca Sharpless welcomed everyone and started the meeting by the land acknowledgement. Then she gave the floor to Dr. Katherine Cavins-Tull who announced that the “values in action week” will take place November 2025. Then Rebecca, welcomed the new senators and introduced the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) members, and pointed out that the FSEC was on the academic affairs organizational chart document posted at the Provost’s office website. Then all invited administrators were asked to introduce themselves and briefly mention their roles: Dr. Susan week the executive vice-Provost and works intensely with the strategic plan, Dr. Ruben Burch the new Vice-Provost for research who is working on providing seed grants as the university’s strives for R1; Heath Einstein the Vice Provost for enrollment management who mentioned that TCU is getting larger in a student centered way, Dr. Reggi Wilburn who is the Associate Provost for undergraduate affairs and is responsible for policy iteration and enhancement, Dr. Fran Huckaby who is the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and the Executive Director of the Koehler Center, and Elain Cole who is the director of communications and special projects.

Then Rebecca gave the floor to Provost Floyd Wormley who updated the faculty that the SACSCOC visit will be in 3.5 years, that the temporary remote work policy that will be finalized, that the merited leave that will change its name to sabbatical and eligible faculty will be able to apply for in the 6th year instead of the 7th year, that they are working at improving AI to enhance

data storage and machine learning on campus, that there are three new Dean searches (one for Science & Engineering, one Harris College of Nursing and Health Science, and one for the Library).

Then the Chair of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Rebecca Sharpless moved the meeting to a closed session for senators only, and at 5 pm she adjourned the meeting.