**TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY**

# BOARD OF REGENTS

# COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Regents’ Conference Room

Administration Conference Tower (ACT), 16th Floor

304 Administration Drive, Denton, Texas

August 18, 2016, at 1:00p.m.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Roll Call:**

**Committee Members:**

Mrs. Nancy Paup, Chair; Dr. Melissa Tonn (Vice Chair), Regent; Mrs. Debbie Gibson (Vice Chair), Mrs. Mary Wilson, Regent*, (Ex Officio.),* Ms. Monica Mathis, Student Regent (Non-Voting).

**Administrators:**

Dr. Carine Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Destinee Waiters, General Counsel; Ms. B. J. Crain, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Jennifer Martin, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Gary Ray, Vice President for Enrollment Services; Ms. Heidi Tracy, Vice President for University Advancement

**Call to Order:**

Mrs. Nancy Paup, Chair of Academic Affairs Committee, reminded everyone that the committee meetings are being streamed live and asked that everyone speak loudly and clearly as they make comments during the meetings.

With a quorum being present, Mrs. Nancy Paup, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee called the meeting of the Committee to order at **3:46 p.m.**

**Academic Affairs Committee:**

1. **Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of May 18, 2016.**

**Motion**: Dr. Melissa Tonn (Vice Chair), motioned and Mrs. Debbie Gibson, Regent, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting of May 18, 2016 were approved as submitted.

1. **Adjourn to Executive Session**

No items on this agenda for Executive Session.

**Motion:** Dr. Melissa Tonn, Regent motioned to hear all items on the Agenda as listed, and Regent Mrs. Debbie Gibson Second. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

1. **Agenda**
* **Report Item A: Frontiers Program Update**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life and Ms. Amy O'Keefe, Executive Director of Campus Alliance for Resource Education (CARE) presented on the TWU Frontiers Program. Their report provided highlights from the recent TEEN conference (high school foster youth), appointments to Education Reach for Texans state board and the Frontiers program along with services offered. Texas Woman’s University student Ms. Davina Hollin shared with the Board her personal experiences with the Frontiers Program and its impact on her life.

* **Report Item B: Terry Scholar Update.**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life presented report on the Texas Woman's University rewarding partnership with the Terry Foundation. The Terry Foundation provides college scholarships for students who have demonstrated the capacity to become outstanding future leaders and who needed financial assistance to achieve their goals in higher education. Terry Scholar recipients, Ms. Caitlyn Laky, Mr. Corbin Dotson, Mr. Christopher Osborn and Ms. Sarah Gerken expressed their gratitude for the opportunities provided by the Terry Scholar Program and shared their experience with the with the Board.

* **Report Item C: Highlighting the Work of Faculty Member - Successful Nursing Partnerships**

Dr. Jennifer Martin, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Stephanie Woods, Associate Dean, Nursing-Dallas presented on the work of TWU Nursing Faculty in developing successful Nursing Partnerships. Nursing-Dallas is partnering with health care systems through innovative programs to partner with employers in innovative work-study options for students. Dr. Woods, shared examples of two to the partnerships with the Board: a partnership with the VA North Texas Healthcare System and a partnership with HCA North Texas where nursing students have multiple rotations plus externship opportunities...

* **Report Item D: Highlighting the Work of Faculty Member - R15 NIH Grant**

Dr. Jennifer Martin, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Christopher Brower, Assistant Professor of Biology who recently had been awarded a grant in the amount of $372,857 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for his project entitled “TDP43 Toxicity and its Degradation by the N-end Rule Pathway to Prevent Neurodegeneration.” Dr. Bower descried his research at TWU to the Board and commented that that the funding from this award will allow him to further this research which has implications for slowing the progression of diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and ALS and will allow research opportunities for TWU students stating that this research.

* **Report Item E: Highlighting the Work of Faculty Member - Phi Kappa Phi Artist**

Dr. Jennifer Martin, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Pamela Youngblood, Professor of Music, Chair of the TWU Department of Music and Drama, and Co-Director of the School of the Arts who was recently named the 2016-2018 Phi Kappa Phi Artist by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society. It was noted that this award recognizes the achievements of those who, in addition to their outstanding scholarship, have displayed talents in the broad realm of the arts — creative, graphic, performing, visual and fine arts.

* **Report Item F: Introduction of Three (3) New TWU Deans**
* Dr. Jennifer Martin, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs introduced (3) new TWU Deans: Dr. Christopher Ray, Dean of the College of Health Sciences; Ms. Suzanne Sears, Dean of the TWU Libraries; and Dr. Abigail Tilton, formerly Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at TWU. Each new dean introduced themselves. **Report Item G: Consider Recommending Approval of Faculty Senate Resolution of Appreciation for Student Regent Neftali Gomez**

Dr. Jeff Robb, Faculty Senate Speaker presented a Resolution of Appreciation for TWU Student Regent Neftali Gomez for her outstanding service to TWU.

* **Report Item H: Update/Reports from the Faculty Senate**

Dr. Jeff Robb, Faculty Senate Speaker presented an update on Faculty Senate business since the February 2016 Board of Regents meeting.

1. **Presentations and Recognitions**

Dr. Carine Feyten, Chancellor and President announced that Dr. Jennifer Martin, would be serving as the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and that Dr. Barbara Learner would be serving as the Interim Vice President for Enrollment Services while a formal search for both positions is underway. Mrs. Nancy Paup, Committee Chair recognized Dr. Jeff Robb for his contributions to the Dr. Bettye Myers Butterfly Garden.

1. **Adjourn**

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, the Chair adjourned the committee meeting at **5:16p.m**.