TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 15, 2018

# Roll Call:

Administration Conference Tower (ACT), 16th Floor; 304 Administration Drive, Denton, Texas

**Present Committee Members:**

Nancy Paup, Chair; Dr. Melissa Tonn, Mary Wilson, Ms. Rachel Iacobucci, Student Regent (Non-Voting) and Nolan Perez, M.D. (Ex-Officio).

# Present 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. Alan Utter, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Randall Langston, Vice President for Enrollment Services, Ms. Heidi Tracy, Vice President for University Advancement; Ms. Cindy Pollard, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications.

# Call to Order:

With a quorum being present, Nancy Paup, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee called the meeting of the Committee to order at **3:49 p.m.**

**Academic Affairs Committee:**

1. **Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of November 2, 2017.**

**Motion**: Regent Melissa Tonn, motioned and Regent Mary Wilson, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting of November 2, 2017 were approved as submitted.

# Adjourn to Executive Session

There were no items on the agenda for Executive Session.

# Agenda

**Motion to take up all items on the Agenda:** Regent Melissa Tonn, motioned and Regent Mary Wilson, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0. Chair Paup announced that the Committee would take the Agenda Items in the following order to accommodate the Faculty Presenters Schedules, C- first, B-second, A-third and then so on.

# Report Item C: Faculty Highlights for the College of Arts and Sciences (English, Speech and Foreign Languages)

Dr. Alan Utter, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs introduced Dr. Gretchen Busl, Assistant Professor of English and Dr. Ashley Bender, Assistant Professor of English who briefed the Committee on their scholarly work which has been funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities titled, “Incorporating Global Perspective”. They noted that the University currently has a “global perspectives” graduation requirement, in which students have to demonstrate the knowledge, values, and skills needed to participate in decisions about the way we do things individually and collectively; both locally and globally.

# Report Item B: Faculty Highlights for the College of Arts and Sciences: History and Government

Dr. Alan Utter, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs introduced Dr. Parker Hevron, Assistant Professor of Government who briefed the Committee on his scholarly work which has been funded by the National Science Foundation titled “Framed? Media Construction of Legal Knowledge in an Age of Judicialization”. Dr. Hevron also thanked the TWU Office of Research and sponsored programs (ORSP) for their assistance.

# Report Item A: Faculty Senate Report

Lizabeth Spoonts, Speaker Faculty Senate provided an update on Faculty Senate business during the current academic year.

# Report Item D: Consider recommending approval of Faculty Development Leave Recommendations for 2018-19

Dr. Alan Utter, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs presented the request for the Committee to recommend approval upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and President and the Provost; after consideration by the TWU Faculty Development Leave Committee for the 8 faculty who had followed the required process and who have met and completed the required standards for Faculty Development Leave.

# Report Item E: Consider recommending Sue Bancroft for an Honorary Degree

Dr. Alan Utter, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs presented the request for the Committee to recommend approval to award an Honorary Degree to Sue Bancroft upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and President and the Provost; after consideration and the unanimous support by the Honorary Degree Committee. He explained that an Honorary Degree from Texas Woman’s University recognizes individuals of prominence who exemplify excellence in scholarship and/or leadership and who demonstrate accomplishment in the professions, sciences, arts, humanities, public service, and service to humanity. He also read Mrs. Bancroft’s various nomination letters.

**Motion:** Regent Mary Wilson, motioned to vote on Action items **D and E** on the Agenda as listed, and Regent Dr. Melissa Tonn seconded. The Items passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

# Presentations and Recognitions

None

# Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, the Chair adjourned the committee meeting at **4:37 p.m**.