**TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 21, 2019**

**Board of Regents’ Conference Room**

**ACT Tower 16th Floor**

**304 Administration Dr, Denton, TX 76204**

**Roll Call:**

Present Committee Members:

Regents Paup (Chair), Coleman, Doggett, Shepard, Galbraith (Non-Voting) & Perez (Ex-Officio)

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Katherine Antwi Green, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board of Regents, and Associate Vice President of Compliance; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President of Finance and Administration; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Alan Utter, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Kimberly Russell, Vice President of University Advancement

**Academic Affairs Committee:**

1. **Call to Order**

With a quorum being present, Regent **Nancy Paup**, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order at **4:18 p.m.**

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

1. **Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of November 8, 2018**

**Motion to Approve Minutes**: Regent **Coleman** motioned and Regent **Doggett** seconded. The motion **passed** with a vote of **5-0-0**.

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting of **November 8, 2018 were** approved as submitted.

1. **Agenda**

**Motion to Take up Agenda Items**: Regent **Doggett** motioned and Regent **Coleman** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **5-0-0.**

**Item A. Report of Faculty Senate**

Dr. Katherine Rose, Faculty Senate Speaker, provided a report on 2018 Faculty Senate business.

Regent Doggett asked about training for the Faculty Senate.

**Item B. Report on TWU Student Achievement in NASA Design Challenge**

Dr. Rhett Rigby, Assistant Professor, Exercise Physiology, provided a presentation about a group of TWU students who competed and won the NASA sponsored Texas Space Grant Consortium Design Challenge under Dr. Rigby’s direction. The competition was to find solutions to engineering and technical issues related to long-distance space travel.

Dr. Feyten commented that TWU’s Fashion and Textiles Department worked with the students to develop the design.

Regent Doggett inquired about the potential non-space commerciality of the design.

**Item C. Consider Recommending Approval of Distance Delivery for the Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner**

Dr. Alan Utter, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, requested the Board’s approval to offer the Master of Science degree in Nursing—Nurse Practitioner in a 100% online format.

This program is currently on TWU’s inventory of degree programs for face-to-face delivery. The degree program curriculum will be the same as the current curriculum. Only the delivery method will change.

The College of Nursing proposes to move one of the specializations within the MS in Nursing-Nurse Practitioner degree program—the Denton-based Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program—to a 100% online format. The Dallas and Houston-based programs will continue to be delivered in a traditional face-to-face format.

The FNP courses will be offered online by faculty in Denton using the Canvas learning management system. Lectures will be delivered in an asynchronous format, allowing for online synchronous meetings with faculty to verify, clarify, and amplify concepts and supplement the lectures. Students will complete laboratory work at home or at an alternative site through negotiation with the course instructor. Students will video assignments typically learned in laboratory settings. At the end of the Advanced Health Assessment course, students will be required to come to campus for a three-day, hands-on skill assessment.

No additional resources are needed at this time. The anticipated cost of training, course preparation, courseware acquisition and development/transmittal are currently covered by the department through release time, program fees, and other departmental funds.

Regent Doggett asked about how students will be financially impacted by the change and how the program’s lab component would be satisfied. Dr. Utter said that the cost to students would remain the same. Mr. Damon Cottrell provided information about how the program’s lab and clinical components could be satisfied.

The Regents discussed the difference between the various Nursing programs and which programs specifically would be affected by approval of this item as well as how approval of this item would affect students’ timeline progression through their Nursing program. Additionally, the Regents discussed the Texas-wide need for new FNP graduates

**Motion:** Regent **Doggett** motioned and Regent **Shepard** seconded. The motion **passed** with a vote of **5-0-0.**

**Item D. Consider Recommending Approval of Recommendations for Faculty Development Leave for 2019-2020**

Dr. Alan Utter, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, proposed a list of faculty members for Faculty Development leave after conferring with the Faculty Development Leave Committee.

Faculty development leaves are authorized for the primary purpose of increasing the value of a faculty member’s sustained contribution to the University by providing the faculty member an opportunity for professional growth. Eligible faculty may request a one-semester leave at full pay or a two-semester leave at half pay. Development leave may be granted for study, research, writing, field observations, or other suitable development purposes. Opportunities for additional training, for improving skills, and for maintaining currency are included as purposes of development leaves.

The fiscal impact of this item would be about $55,000.00.

**Motion:** Regent **Wu** motioned and Regent **Coleman** seconded. The motion **passed** with a vote of **5-0-0**.

1. **Adjourn Academic Affairs Committee Meeting**

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent **Nancy Paup**, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, adjourned the committee meeting at **5:12 p.m.**