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

**FULL BOARD MINUTES**

**February 22, 2019**

**Board of Regents’ Conference Room**

**ACT Tower 16th Floor**

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

**Roll Call:**

Present Full Board Members:

Regents Perez (Chair), Coleman, Doggett, Galbraith (Non-Voting), Jester, Paup, Schrader, Shepard, and Wilson.

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

**Full Board:**

1. **Call to Order**

With a quorum being present, Regent **Nolan Perez**, Chair of the Full Board called the meeting to order at **9:53 a.m.**

Regent **Perez**, 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 Full Board Meeting of November 9, 2018.**

**Motion:** Regent **Wilson** motioned and Regent **Shepard** seconded. The motion **passed** with a vote of **8-0-0**.

The minutes of the Full Board meeting of November 9, 2018 **were** approved as submitted.

1. **Presentations and Awards**

The Board and Dr. Feyten recognized departing Board of Regents Members: Regent Schrader, Regent Paup, and Regent Wilson.

Regent Schrader made remarks about what the opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents for 12 years means to him.

Regent Paup provided comments about her service and the impression that the work done by TWU employees and Administrations has on the lives of students.

Regent Wilson made comments of appreciation to the fellow departing Board Members and noted the impact that their contributions have had on the University.

Additionally, Regent Perez recognized distinguished Alumna, Dianne I. Baker for her lifetime commitment and generous gift to the University and read a Citation officially naming TWU’s new softball field the “Diane Baker Field”. Dr. Mendez-Grant read a letter Ms. Baker wrote to the Board and made several comments about the impact of Ms. Baker’s commitment to the University.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Motion to vote on Items A-F:** Regent **Schrader** motioned and Regent **Wilson** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **8-0-0**.

1. **Full Board Agenda**

**Motion to Take up All Items on the Agenda:** Regent **Wilson** motioned and Regent **Shepard** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **8-0-0.**

**Item A. Report on Civic Engagement Initiatives**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, Dr. Stephanie Krauth, Associate Vice President-Student Engagement, Ms. Michelle Reeves, Director of Civility & Community Standards, and Ms. Renee Phetsopha, Student Leader – Graduate, provided a report regarding the Civic Engagement Task Force, consisting of faculty, students and staff, who came together in Spring of 2018 to put a renewed focus on the civic education and community engagement of TWU students. The task force submitted proposals and were accepted into the NASPA LEAD initiative, the All-In Democratic Challenge, and the Voter Friendly Campus Designation process. Some of the distinct civic education programs include a collaborative Constitution Day, National Voter Registration Day activities, a voter registration drive, and an issues-based speaker series.

In the TWU Strategic Plan 2020, one of the goals under the SERVE initiative is to “produce engaged and active citizens through service that intentionally fosters development of the whole person.” This goal aligns well with the report from The National Task Force on Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement. Entitled, A Crucible Moment: College Learning and Democracy’s Future (2012), which emphasizes civic learning and democratic engagement an expected part of every student’s college education.

Regent Perez and Jester made comments about how important this initiative is for our students and the health of the local and larger communities as whole.

**Item B. Report on Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life and Dr. Abigail Tilton, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences provided a report about how TWU is currently working with the Army ROTC to establish an independent unit. For the last thirty five years, TWU worked with two branches of the U.S. military support ROTC training programs, the Army and the Air Force, through a cross-town arrangement with the University of North Texas.

The establishment of ROTC at TWU would allow students to enroll at their own institution without having to commute across town to participate. The establishment of this program would be an opportunity to augment the student experience for those students who are interested in serving the military, increase the academic profile of our students, and increase our residential population.

The collaboration between the Army and TWU provides TWU ROTC students an opportunity to serve their country and develop valuable leadership experience that will enhance their military careers. Designed to develop effective leadership skills, this program successfully positions interested students for key roles in the military. The ROTC curriculum is integrated into the student’s chosen program of study and completed prior to graduation.

Generous scholarship support is typically available through the federal government for upperclassmen. On Friday, November 16, TWU hosted the Army ROTC Open House.

TWU ROTC students CDT Nathan Parades and CDT Anna Vasquez also spoke about their experiences with ROTC at TWU.

**Item C. Report on Competitive Sports Plan**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, updated the Board about how TWU engaged Brailsford & Dunlavey to evaluate the feasibility of and develop a strategic action plan to implement new competitive sports programs at TWU. This report provides a recap of the recommendations, overview of proposed phasing strategies to implement sports teams, and short term action items. The plan ultimately recommended that TWU should implement new sports programs to augment enrollment strategies and enhance campus culture.

**Item D. Report on 86th Legislative Session**

Mr. Kevin Cruser, Director of Legislative Affairs discussed the recent release of the House and Senate Budgets and how TWU can expect the budget changes to affect the University.

Additionally, Mr. Cruser mentioned the 160+ bills that he is tracking through the legislature.

Finally, Mr. Cruser introduced several students who attended TWU Day at the Texas State Capitol, Jennifer Morrow and Taylor Beverly. Each student spoke about her experience with TWU in general and experiences at TWU Day.

1. **TWU Board of Regents' Officer Elections for 2019-2021**

**Chair:**

**Motion**: Regent **Jester** nominated Regent **Perez**.

There being no other nominations, Regent Nolan Perez, was unanimously elected as Board Chair and Presiding Officer of the Board of Regents.

**Vice Chair:**

**Motion:** Regent **Shepard** nominated Regent **Jester**.

There being no other nominations, Regent Jill Jester, was unanimously elected as Vice Chair of the Board of Regents.

1. **Chancellor and President’s Report**

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President provided the Chancellor’s report, which included a review of the P3 Project, specifically the public-private partnerships created by the Project.

Additionally, Dr. Feyten presented a report on TWU Day at the Capitol and details about the Austin Alumni Event.

1. **Recess Full Board Meeting into Executive Closed Session**

Regent **Nolan Perez,** Chair of the Board, announced that the Full Board would recess into Executive Closed Session for the purposes of Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Officers pursuant to §551.071 of the Tex. Gov’t Code at **11:43 a.m.**

1. **Reconvene into Open Session and Take any Possible Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Closed Session**

At the conclusion of the Executive Closed Session, Regent **Nolan Perez**, Chair of the Board, reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **11:59\_** **a.m.**

1. **Future Business**

None.

1. **Regents Remarks**

Regent Doggett made several comments about how impressed she is with the performance of Regent Perez and the Board overall.

Regent Schrader made comments about how impressed he is with the civic engagement initiatives at TWU. He further stressed the importance of ensuring that new facilities and buildings comport with existing colonial architectural style of TWU, and encouraged consideration be given to the idea of making colonial architecture the “official” style of future TWU buildings.

Dr. Feyten ensured the Board that Regent Schrader’s suggestion is already being implemented in the current planning of TWU infrastructure.

Regent Coleman expressed an eagerness to see the new TWU plaid available for purchase in the TWU Bookstore.

1. **Adjourn Full Board Meeting**

With no further business coming before the Board, Regent **Nolan Perez,** the Chair of the Board, adjourned the meeting in its entirety at **12:10 p.m.**