

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 16, 2019**

**5500 Southwestern Medical Ave.
Dallas, TX 75235**

Roll Call:

Present Committee Members:

Regents Shepard (Chair), Coleman, Gallardo, Jester (ex-officio), and Roper (non-voting)

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Katherine Antwi Green, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board, 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. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Randall Langston, Vice President for Enrollment Services; Dr. Kimberly Russell, Vice President of University Advancement

I. Call to Order:

With a quorum being present, **Janelle Shepard**, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee called the meeting of the Committee to order at **03:05 p.m.**

Regent **Shepard** reminded everyone that the meeting is being streamed live and asked that everyone speak loudly and clearly as they make comments during the meeting.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of February 21, 2019

Motion to Approve Minutes: Regent **Coleman**, motioned and Regent **Gallardo**, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **3-0-0**.

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **February 21, 2019** were approved as submitted.

III. Agenda

Motion to Take up Agenda Items: Regent **Coleman**, motioned and Regent **Gallardo**, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **3-0-0**.

Item A. Faculty Senate Report

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost of and Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided a short introduction of Dr. Katherine Rose, Speaker of the Faculty Senate to the Board.

Dr. Rose provided an update to the Board about the activities of the Faculty Senate since the last Board of Regents meeting. Dr. Rose noted that all but one seat on the senate is currently filled, but will be filled in the next election. Additionally Dr. Rose noted the names and titles of the executive members of the

Faculty Senate and expressed appreciation of the opportunity to have a Faculty Senate on campus.

The Faculty Senate has been reviewing the faculty workload policy to ensure its alignment with the University's Strategic Plan. In March the Senate voted on proposed changes to the policy and looks forward to working with Dr. Kapinus on finalizing the changes to that policy.

Dr. Rose ended by presenting departing Student Regent Emily Roper with a TWU resolution of appreciation.

Item B. Faculty Highlight – Research in Occupational Therapy

Dr. Kapinus introduced Dr. Asha Vas, Assistant Professor in the School of Occupational Therapy, who provided the Board with an overview of her research in the field of occupational therapy by explaining how she and her students are integrating cognitive neuroscience methods into occupational therapy practice to enhance thinking abilities in adults with brain injuries to help improve their quality of life.

Dr. Vas presented information about her research related to Cognitive Neuroscience and its relationship with Occupational Therapy. Dr. Vas' research is focused on assessments by looking at rehab strategies, cognitive physical function, and postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome in cooperation with the Center for Brain Health, Mayo Clinic and the Stroke Center-Dallas.

Item C. Innovative Academic Programs Report

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided a report on the activities and focus of the Innovative Academic Programs team at TWU including the identification of new programs, objectives, processes and a progress summary.

Innovative Academic Programming is the first initiative in TWU's Strategic plan and is broken into four parts. Dr. Kapinus' presentation focused on the first of those four parts, new and modified programs. The team developed criteria for selection of new or modified programs. The criteria are that the programs are programs which enhance academic reputation and operations, which meet the demand for marketable skills and employment per the 60 x 30 plan, and create an effective return on investment that covers direct and indirect expenses within a 5 year time frame.

Additionally, Dr. Kapinus provided an overview of the rollout of making program determinations, which identified nine proposals for strategic opportunity review, seven of which provided additional information for further review. Of those seven, three are moving toward implementation.

The programs moving toward implementation are the BBA in Health Care Administration, a PSM in Biotechnology and a combined BS and MBA in Kinesiology (sports management).

Dr. Shepard asked about the proposed timeline for implementing the degree programs. Dr. Kapinus responded that they will have to go through the standard University process, but hoped to be launched in 2020.

Item D. the Recommended Approval of Distance Delivery of the Ph.D. in Health Studies

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recommended the Board approve of TWU offering distance a delivery of the Doctorate of Philosophy degree beginning in Fall of 2019, which is a change from TWU's current face-to-face only degree program.

Motion to Move Approval of Item to Consent Agenda: Regent Coleman, motioned and Regent Gallardo, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **3-0-0**.

Item E. Recommended Approval of a Master Degree in Public Health

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recommended the Board approve of TWU offering a Master of Public Health degree beginning in Fall 2019.

This degree is designed to serve the 21% growth in health educator and community health positions.

Motion to Move Approval of Item to Consent Agenda: Regent Coleman, motioned and Regent Gallardo, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **3-0-0**.

Item F. Recommended Approval of a Master Degree in Musical Therapy

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recommended the Board approve a Master of Music Therapy degree in the Department of Music and Theatre.

This is a new degree that will turn a current degree track into its own specific degree. While there are over 500 board-certified music therapists in Texas, only a small percentage have an advanced degree. This degree would have no fiscal implications on the University as the existing faculty and infrastructure already exist to provide this degree.

Motion to Move Approval of Item to Consent Agenda: Regent Coleman, motioned and Regent Gallardo, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **3-0-0**.

Item G. Recommended Approval of an Entry-Level Occupational Therapy Doctorate

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recommended the Board approve phasing out the Masters of Occupational Therapy degree and initiate an entry-level Occupational Therapy Doctorate in its place.

Because the Master of Occupational Therapy will be phased out, this degree is designed to replace the MOT. This program is expected to be successful because of its high desirability.

This program is expected to require \$1.3 million to launch.

Motion to Move Approval of Item to Consent Agenda: Regent Coleman, motioned and Regent Gallardo, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **3-0-0**.

IV. Recess Academic Affairs Committee Meeting into Executive Closed Session

Regent **Shepard** announced that the Committee would recess into Executive Closed Session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, assignment, discipline, or dismissal of officers or employees pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code at **03:56 p.m.**

V. Reconvene to Open Session and Take Any Possible Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Closed Session

At the conclusion of the Executive Closed Session, Regent **Shepard** reconvened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee into open session, a quorum being present at **04:16 p.m.**

Regent Doggett arrived during the Executive Closed Session.

There were two action items stemming from closed session deliberations and the Board voted to move both items to the Consent Agenda with the following votes:

Motion to Move Approval of Emeritus Status of Faculty and Staff to Consent Agenda: Regent **Coleman**, motioned and Regent **Gallardo**, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

Motion to Move Approval of Faculty Promotion and Tenure to Consent Agenda: Regent **Coleman**, motioned and Regent **Gallardo**, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

VI. Presentations

Dr. Kapinus provided a highlight of all faculty members who were being considered by the Board for approval of promotions and tenure status.

VII. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent **Shepard** adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **04:28 p.m.**