

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 23, 2021**

**Videoconference**

**Roll Call:**

Present Committee Members:

Regents Shepard (Chair), Coleman, Doggett, Gallardo, Jester (Ex-Officio), and Tyson (Non-Voting)

Present Administrators:

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

**I. Call to Order:**

With a quorum being present, Regent Shepard, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order at **10:39 a.m.**

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

Regent Shepard performed roll call noting the presence of Regents Shepard, Coleman, Doggett, Gallardo, Jester, and Tyson.

**II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of November 12, 2020**

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** Regent Gallardo motioned, and Regent Doggett seconded. Regent Shepard asked if there was any discussion about, changes to, or clarification to the minutes.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **November 12, 2020** were approved as submitted.

**III. Agenda**

Regent Shepard said that the Board would take up the Agenda Item as listed.

**Motion to Take up Agenda Item as Listed:** Regent Doggett motioned, and Regent Gallardo seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Item A. Recommend Approval of Distance Delivery of the Existing Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric**

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus recommended the Board approve distance delivery of the existing Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric.

Dr. Kapinus noted that continuing the current distance delivery of this program in the Fall semester will allow the program to broaden accessibility to the degree. Dr. Kapinus described integration between face-to-face students and online students in this program using synchronous technology. She indicated that offering this program via distance education allows additional students the opportunity to pursue this degree.

Dr. Kapinus indicated that the curriculum and the learning outcomes are expected to remain the same, and the offering will not require additional financial resources.

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

#### **IV. Adjourn**

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent Shepard adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **10:47 a.m.**