

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 11, 2021**

**TWU Houston Campus
Institute of Health Sciences – 10th Floor, Room 10307**

Roll Call:

Present Committee Members:

Regents Coleman (Chair), Shepard, Sweatt, Wright, Wu (ex-officio), and Bush (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 Coleman, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order at **3:04 p.m.**

Regent Coleman 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 Coleman welcomed Regent Shelley Sweatt to the Academic Affairs Committee. Regent Coleman then introduced Student Regent Brookelyn Bush. Regent Coleman described Student Regent Bush's background and experience and welcomed Regent Bush to the Academic Affairs Committee and to the Board. Regent Bush thanked Regent Coleman and said that she was looking forward to serving on the Board.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of August 12, 2021

Motion to Approve Minutes: Regent Shepard motioned, and Regent Wright seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **August 12, 2021** were approved as submitted.

III. Agenda

Regent Coleman said that the Board would take up the Agenda Items as listed.

Motion to Take up Agenda Items as Listed: Regent Shepard motioned, and Regent Wright seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item A. Recommend Approval of New Bachelor of Arts in Multicultural Women’s and Gender Studies

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, began providing an overview of the structure for the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Multicultural Women’s and Gender Studies. Dr. Kapinus recommended the Board approve for the new degree program. Dr. Kapinus indicated that this degree program aligns with TWU’s mission and provides a wide range of employment opportunities for students. Dr. Kapinus stated that this program would be the first of its kind in Texas by offering concentrations in Health and Community Leadership.

Regent Jester asked for additional information about the determination of offering a bachelor’s degree in this area. Dr. Kapinus indicated that there is current interest with TWU’s students, and that a bachelor’s degree in Multicultural Women’s and Gender Studies is good as a double major option.

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

Item B. Recommend Approval of Online Delivery of the Existing Master of Science in Speech/Language Pathology

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus recommended the Board approve the online delivery of the existing Master of Science in Speech/Language Pathology. Dr. Kapinus stated the online delivery would allow for a broader reach to students than the current format of the program.

Regent Shepard asked if a master’s degree is needed in Speech/Language Pathology for most employment opportunities. Dr. Kapinus confirmed that typically a master’s degree is needed.

Regent Coleman asked if there would be a change to TEA sponsoring of the online program.

Dr. Kapinus introduced Dr. Jennifer Martin, Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, who stated that TEA funding will be received for this program offering.

Regent Sweatt asked how many degrees are conferred with the current delivery of the degree. Dr. Martin said that approximately 125 graduate every two years in the online program and approximately 30 every year in the campus-based program.

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

IV. Adjourn Academic Affairs Committee into Executive Closed Session

Regent Coleman announced that the Board would adjourn into Executive Closed Session for deliberations regarding personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officers or employees pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. She stated the Board will hear a Recommend Approval of Faculty for Tenure and engage in consultation regarding personnel matters.

Regent Coleman said that Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, would join in the Executive Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned at **3:19 p.m.**

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

Regent Coleman reconvened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee into open session, a quorum being present at **3:39 p.m.** Regent Coleman said that the Board would take any possible action regarding matters discussed in the Executive Closed Session.

Motion to Move Approval of Item IV. A1 to Consent Agenda: Regent Wright motioned, and Regent Sweatt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VI. Report on Faculty Tenure

Regent Coleman announced that Dr. Kapinus would present a report on the Faculty members recommended for tenure during the closed session. Dr. Kapinus recognized Dr. Rigoberto Delgado from the College of Business, Houston campus, who is recommended to receive tenure as Associate Professor and Director of Health Care Administration, and Dr. Maria Peterson-Ahmad, who is recommended to receive tenure as Associate Professor of Teacher Education.

VII. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent Shepard adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **3:43 p.m.**