

**TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 17, 2022**

**TWU Denton Campus
Hubbard Hall – Southeast Ballroom**

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 present, Regent Coleman, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order at **3:21 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. She also welcomed everyone to the Denton Campus.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of November 11, 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 **November 11, 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 Wright motioned, and Regent Sweatt seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item A. Report on Faculty Senate

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. DiAnna Hynds, Speaker of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Hynds gave a report on Faculty Senate’s activities during the 2021 – 2022 Academic Year.

Item B. Report on NASA Design Challenge Team

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus introduced Dr. Brandon Rhett Rigby, Associate Professor of Kinesiology, and Ms. Natalie Wilkinson, Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology (2021) and Incoming Physical Therapy Graduate Student.

Dr. Rigby briefed the Board on the TWU all-female team's participation in the Texas Space Grant Consortium Design Challenge, which National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) sponsors. He said that TWU's team was the only health-focused team at the competition.

Ms. Wilkinson, who was team lead, briefed the Board on the details of their team's project, which developed a light therapy device to help synchronize the circadian sleep rhythm in space.

Dr. Rigby indicated that the team placed first overall in the competition and has received numerous media placements for their accomplishment.

Regent Wu congratulated Dr. Rigby and Ms. Wilkinson and asked about the distinction between alertness and sufficient sleep. Ms. Wilkinson acknowledged that alertness and sleep are distinct. She told the Board that the current team is focusing on sleep in the project and confirmed that the project may have additional application beyond space usage.

Item C. Report on Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Accreditation Reaffirmation

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus briefed the Board on the progress of TWU's accreditation reaffirmation. She gave an overview of the accreditation process, the components that make up reaffirmation, and the overall review process. She informed the Board that TWU's Compliance Certification Report will be due in September 2022. A new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is underway as required, which will be due in Spring 2023. Dr. Kapinus described the review process, which includes an on-site visit, and said that a final determination on TWU's reaffirmation will be made in December 2023.

Dr. Kapinus indicated that the new QEP topic is "Health Leadership in the Public Interest," with the goal of preparing students to be leaders and advocates for health and wellbeing in their field.

Item D. Recommend Approval of Online Delivery of the New Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus recommended approval of the online delivery of the New Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Post-Baccalaureate Certificate through the Department of Communication Sciences and Oral Health. She explained the certificate would allow audiology assistants and speech-language pathology assistants to become certified practitioners.

Regent Shepard commented that this program is a great way to support the speech pathology professional, which is in high demand and overwhelmed.

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

Item E. Recommend Approval of Faculty Development Leave for Academic Year 2022-2023

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus recommended approval of Faculty Development Leave for Academic Year 2022-2023. She outlined the requirements and process for faculty members to receive leave, as well as the projects for faculty recommended for development leave. She also mentioned that faculty development leave was not possible last year because of budget concerns due to COVID.

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

IV. Adjourn Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent Shepard adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **4:06 p.m.**