

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS  
FULL BOARD MINUTES  
May 20, 2022**

**TWU Dallas Campus  
3rd Floor – Room 3620  
5500 Southwestern Medical Avenue, Dallas, TX 75235**

**Roll Call:**

**Present Full Board Members:**

Regents Wu (Chair), Coleman, Hyde, Jester, Sweatt, Wilson, Wright, 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 Full Board Meeting to Order**

With a quorum present, Regent Wu, Chair of the Board of Regents, called the meeting to order at **9:01 a.m.**

Regent Wu reminded everyone that the meeting is streaming live and asked that everyone speak loudly and clearly as they make comments during the meeting. She also asked Regents to identify themselves when speaking to aid members of the public in knowing who is speaking.

Regent Wu welcomed attendees to the Dallas campus.

**II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of February 18, 2022**

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** Regent Jester motioned, and Regent Wilson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The minutes of the Full Board Meeting of **February 18, 2022** were approved as submitted.

**III. Consent Agenda**

Regent Wu said the Board would now take up Items A through F on the Consent Agenda from the Finance and Audit Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee meetings. Regent Wu stated that Regent Coleman would abstain from voting on Item G, which would be pulled from the Consent Agenda, and the vote for Item G would be conducted separately following the vote for the Consent Agenda Items A through F.

Regent Wu asked if any Regent would like to pull any other item for separate discussion. She then asked if there was any additional discussion about any of the agenda items.

**Motion to Approve A through F on the Consent Agenda as presented in their respective Committees:** Regent Hyde motioned, and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Item A. Recommend Approval of Enterprise Resource Planning Software and Budget – Phase 1**
- Item B. Recommend Approval of Infrastructure Construction on the Texas Woman’s University System’s Denton Campus**
- Item C. Recommend Approval of Administrative Conference Tower 1 Foundation Repair Revised Budget**
- Item D. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of Interim Chief Audit Executive**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of New Online Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education**

Regent Wu stated the Board would now take up Item G on the Consent Agenda from the Academic Affairs Committee meeting and that Regent Coleman will abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**Motion to Approve G on the Consent Agenda as presented in the Academic Affairs Committee meeting:** Regent Wilson motioned, and Regent Hyde seconded. Regent Coleman abstained from voting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

As a result of the vote, the following faculty were approved for promotion and tenure as noted below.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Approved For</u></b>
Dr. Mary E. Anderson	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Professor
Dr. Ashley B. Bender	English, Rhetoric, and Spanish	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Samuel (Carter) Biggers, Jr.	Music	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Paul Bones	Sociology	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Brian M. Fehler	English, Rhetoric, and Spanish	Professor
Dr. Jonathan S. Gratch	Computer Science	Associate Professor with Tenure

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Approved For</u></b>
Dr. Jessica Smartt Gullion	Sociology	Professor
Dr. Katherine E. Landdeck	History	Professor
Dr. Elisa Na	Psychology	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Catalina Pislariu	Biology	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Paul Thomas	Music	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Wen Xu	Computer Science	Associate Professor with Tenure

### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Approved For</u></b>
Dr. Derek Crews	Management and Marketing	Professor
Dr. Dewaynna Rudd Horn	Management and Marketing	Professor
Dr. Zhen Li	Management and Marketing	Associate Professor with Tenure

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Kathleen E. Davis	Nutrition and Food Sciences – Denton	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Helen Everts	Nutrition and Food Sciences – Denton	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Hui-Ting Goh	Physical Therapy – Dallas	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Monique J. LeMieux	Nutrition and Food Sciences – Denton	Associate Professor with Tenure
Ms. Catherine Carrasco Lynch	Communication Sciences and Oral Health	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Mindy A. Menn	Health Promotion and Kinesiology	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Kimberly Dews Mory	Communication Sciences and Oral Health	Clinical Professor
Dr. Bita Payesteh	Communication Sciences and Oral Health	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Martin Rosario	Physical Therapy – Dallas	Associate Professor with Tenure

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Damon Cottrell	Nursing – Dallas	Professor with Tenure
Dr. Mikyoung Angela Lee	Nursing – Denton	Professor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Fuqin Liu	Nursing – Denton	Professor

**COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Jorge Figueroa	Teacher Education	Professor with Tenure
Dr. Amanda Hurlbut	Teacher Education	Associate Professor with Tenure

**IV. Presentations**

**Item A. Recognition of Service of Student Regent and Student Regent Report on Service**

Regent Wu stated the Board would like to recognize Texas Woman's University (TWU) Student Regent, Brooklyn Bush for her service over the past year and that Regent Bush will provide a report on her service.

Regent Bush discussed her experience serving as Student Regent over the past year. She described her involvement in various leadership events and participation in student groups. She thanked the Regents for their inspiration, encouragement, and listening, and stated that she has enjoyed all the opportunities that have come with serving in her position as Student Regent.

Chancellor Feyten gave a gift to Regent Bush in gratitude for her work while serving as Student Regent.

Regent Wu then introduced Dr. John Terrizzi, Speaker of the Faculty Senate, to read a resolution in special recognition and appreciation of Regent Bush.

Dr. Terrizzi described the role of the Faculty Senate and its involvement with students. He spoke of Regent Bush's remarkable level of service and leadership abilities. He then read the following resolution to recognize Regent Bush:

**THE TWU FACULTY SENATE**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

**TWU STUDENT REGENT BROOKELYN BUSH**

**WHEREAS,** Brookelyn Bush has excelled academically, earning her Bachelor of Social Work from Texas Woman’s University and Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas at Arlington; and

**WHEREAS,** she is currently pursuing her Doctor of Philosophy in Family Studies from Texas Woman’s University; and

**WHEREAS,** she has fostered the education and development of children through her positions as Program Director at Girls, Inc. of Tarrant County, as a middle school teacher at Tyler Independent School District, and as a Conservatorship Worker at the Department of Family and Protective Services in Denton, Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** she is a member of the National Association of Colleges and Employees (NACE) and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

**WHEREAS,** she has disseminated information through presentations at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of College and Employers (SoACE), at Tennessee State University in 2020, at Tennessee State University in 2020, and at the Texas Woman’s University Creative Arts and Research Symposium in 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** she serves as the Associate Director for Employer Relations at Texas Woman’s University’s Career Connections Center; and

**WHEREAS,** this record of outstanding academic achievement and leadership culminated in her selection by the Governor of the State of Texas to serve as the TWU Student Regent for the 2021-2022 academic year; and

**WHEREAS,** as Student Regent, she has been an outstanding advocate for her fellow TWU students to the TWU Board of Regents;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Faculty Senate of Texas Woman’s University commends Student Regent Brookelyn Bush for her outstanding leadership in the University community.

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Regent Wu again thanked Regent Bush for her service and wished her continued success in her future endeavors.

Regent Coleman remarked that the Board enjoyed meeting with Regent Bush and appreciated her perspective.

Regent Wilson said that the Board appreciated Regent Bush's energy, enthusiasm, and ability to manage her time.

Regent Wright commented that Regent Bush has inspired other women by her leadership.

Regent Jester said that Regent Bush has shown leadership by speaking up in meetings to voice her perspective and showing her intellect and drive.

### **Item B. National Recognition of Texas Woman's University's Student Newspaper, *The Lasso***

Regent Wu informed the Board that they will hear a presentation on the National Recognition of Texas Woman's University's Student Newspaper, *The Lasso*, presented by Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life and Ms. Amy Evans, Director of Communication for Student Life.

Dr. Mendez-Grant told the Board that TWU students have the incredible opportunity to engage in journalism activities outside the classroom despite TWU not having a journalism program. She then introduced Ms. Amy Evans.

Ms. Evans provided the Board a brief history on *The Lasso* and informed them that TWU students received seventeen awards at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

Ms. Evans then recognized Dr. Phyllis Bridges. She discussed Dr. Bridges' importance to the University and to *The Lasso*. She said that Dr. Bridges had been a guiding light for the student newspaper, and that she will be missed. She stated that *The Lasso* will continue to honor Dr. Bridges and strive for excellence.

Regent Wu congratulated the TWU students of *The Lasso* on their accomplishments.

Regent Jester thanked Ms. Evans for the wonderful presentation and thanked the students for their dedication to the student newspaper.

Dr. Feyten commented that the student journalism activities provide the opportunity for students to find their voice, and congratulated Ms. Evans for guiding the students. Dr. Feyten also thanked Ms. Evans for recognizing Dr. Bridges, commenting that Dr. Bridges was with TWU for fifty years, and that she will be missed.

### **V. Full Board Agenda**

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

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

### **Item A. Report on Texas Woman's University's Student Government Association – Denton Campus**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, and Ms. Theodora Sam Brew, Student

Government Association President – Denton Campus (SGA–Denton), Undergraduate, Nutrition and Food Sciences Program updated the Board on the activities of SGA–Denton for Academic Year 2021-2022.

Ms. Brew described the accomplishments of SGA–Denton, including the appointment of non-traditional senators to diversify the representation of students, events held to increase student engagement, and the proposal of the athletic fee to be charged by TWU to support TWU Athletics.

#### **Item B. Report on Texas Woman’s University Spring 2022 Athletics**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, and Ms. Sandee Mott, Director of Athletics, updated the Board on the current athletic activities at TWU. Ms. Mott informed the Board on the successes in TWU Gymnastics, Artistic Swimming, and Basketball. She also acknowledged the academic achievements of TWU’s student athletes.

Regent Wu commented that the TWU athletics department has tremendous leadership.

Regent Coleman said that she really enjoyed Ms. Mott’s presentation.

Dr. Feyten thanked Ms. Mott for her leadership during all of the challenges she has faced since joining TWU, particularly with the pandemic and its effects on the Athletics department, and how she has kept the momentum and spirit going.

Regent Jester said that the coaches, staff, and students are phenomenal and that the Board is very proud of the accomplishments and dedication to both athletics and academics.

#### **Item C. Report on Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs**

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, briefed the Board on governmental affairs, as well as the activities of the Texas Legislature. Mr. Crusier described a change in congressional redistricting which resulted in TWU having a new congressman in TWU’s district. Mr. Crusier also described TWU’s efforts in Washington D.C. related to federal funding for PTSD research.

Mr. Crusier discussed funding methodologies which occur at the state level, and discussed how various economic factors might impact state funding.

Regent Jester thanked Mr. Crusier for the information and his efforts on behalf of TWU.

#### **Item D. Report on Promotion and Tenure Faculty Highlights**

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, provided a highlight on some of the candidates for promotion and tenure from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Health Sciences, Nursing, and Professional Education.

#### **Item F. Recommend Approval of Revisions to the Donald T. Pendleton Excellence Quasi-Endowment Agreement**

Dr. Kimberly Russell, Vice President for University Advancement, recommended approval of revisions to the Donald T. Pendleton Excellence Quasi-Endowment Agreement. She explained the endowment was established by the Board on August 15, 2014 as the Donald T. Pendleton Excellence Fund Endowment and is governed by the agreement signed by then-Board Chair and Presiding Officer, Regent Sue S. Bancroft.



Dr. Russell recommended the agreement be revised to update the name of the endowment to the Donald T. Pendleton Excellence Quasi-Endowment and to delegate authority to the Chancellor and President for the expenditure of the endowment's annual distribution funds. The proposed revisions also include requirements for Board approval for the expenditure of the principal or any other funds from the endowment.

Regent Jester asked for clarification on quasi-endowments. Dr. Russell indicated a quasi-endowment occurs when an unrestricted gift is made to the university and it is converted into an endowment. The endowment may then be converted back to an unrestricted gift in the future, which makes it a quasi-endowment.

**Motion to Approve Item F:** Regent Jester motioned, and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **Item E. Recommend Approval of Reaffirmation of the Mission Statement for Texas Woman's University**

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, explained that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) requires that an institution's governing board formally approve and periodically review the institution's mission statement. The approval of this mission statement helps ensure compliance with this SACSCOC requirement.

Dr. Kapinus recommended approval of reaffirmation of the mission statement for Texas Woman's University with no changes. The current mission statement, which was approved by the Board on November 10, 2016, is as follows:

“Texas Woman's University cultivates engaged leaders and global citizens by leveraging its historical strengths in health, liberal arts, and education and its standing as the nation's largest public university primarily for women. Committed to transformational learning, discovery, and service in an inclusive environment that embraces diversity, Texas Woman's inspires excellence and a pioneering spirit.”

**Motion to Approve Item E:** Regent Wilson motioned, and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **VI. Report on the Office of the Chancellor and President**

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, then addressed the Board. She discussed the challenges faced by TWU and the need to think differently to move forward. She described the University's efforts to increase its reputation within the STEM fields. She then discussed efforts to increase TWU's engagement with elected officials at the federal level. She told the Board about TWU's focus on alumni engagement and Homecoming, as well as the University's approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

## **VII. Adjourn Full Board Meeting to Executive Closed Session**

Regent Wu then announced that the Board would recess to 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. Regent Wu stated the Board will hear a recommendation to approve the continuation of the Chancellor's contract. Regent Wu stated that the Board will engage in Consultation with Attorney

Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. She specified that the Board will engage in consultation with counsel regarding legal matters, including pending, threatened, and contemplated litigation and settlement offers.

The meeting adjourned at **10:27 a.m.**

### **VIII. 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 Wu reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **11:04 a.m.** Regent Wu stated the Board would take any possible action regarding matters discussed in Executive Closed Session.

Regent Wu stated Chancellor Feyten continues to show incredible leadership and the Board is grateful for her commitment to TWU. Regent Jester said that the Board is thrilled with Chancellor Feyten's leadership.

Regent Hyde thanked the Chancellor for her work, and Regent Wilson mentioned that Dr. Feyten has helped the University accomplish many things during the pandemic and spearheaded the University's efforts to become a system.

Regent Coleman said that Dr. Feyten's energy has continued from her first meeting with the Board.

Regent Sweatt then thanked Dr. Feyten for her dedication, compassion, and energy.

Regent Bush commented that Dr. Feyten does so much for the University, and Regent Wu said that it is a privilege to work with her.

**Motion to Approve Item A.1 Recommend Approval of the Continuation of the Chancellor's Contract:** Regent Wilson motioned, and Regent Hyde seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **IX. Future Business**

Regent Wu asked if there were any comments or requests from any regents regarding future issues or subjects to discuss.

### **X. Regents' Remarks**

Regent Coleman commented on the Report on Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, saying that it must be wonderful to meet Representative Sylvia Garcia in Washington D.C. who is an alumna of TWU.

Regent Wu then thanked Dr. Kapinus for her extraordinary contribution to TWU. She said that Dr. Kapinus has the deepest gratitude from the Board.

Regent Wu told the Board that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for August 11 and 12 on the Denton campus.

**XI. Adjourn Full Board Meeting**

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent Wu adjourned the Board of Regents meeting at **11:10 a.m.**