

**TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 15, 2024**

**TWU Denton Campus
Hubbard Hall – Southeast Ballroom and Room 2238**

Roll Call:

Present Committee Members:

Regents Hyde (Chair), Amirkhan, Coleman, Shepard, McDavid (ex-officio), and Covarelli (non-voting)

Present Administrators:

Ms. Monica Christopher, Dallas Campus President; Ms. Katherine A. Antwi, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board of Regents, and Chief Compliance Officer; Dr. Javier Flores, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Ms. Kristina Kaskel-Ruiz, Vice President for Marketing and Communication; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Ms. Lisa Rampy, Interim Vice President for University Advancement; and Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President for Finance and Administration.

I. Call Academic Affairs Committee Meeting to Order

With a quorum present, Regent Hyde, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting to order at **3:03 p.m.**

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of August 10, 2023

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

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **August 10, 2023** were approved as submitted.

III. Presentations

Item A. Introduction of Texas Woman’s University System New Academic Affairs Leadership Members

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Mr. Clint Grant, the inaugural Director of the Doswell School of Aeronautical Sciences, and Mr. Tracy Jordan, the inaugural Director of the Musical Theatre program, as new members of the TWU Academic Affairs Leadership Team. Dr. Graves also highlighted the appointments of Dr. Kimberly Miloch, Interim Dean of the College of Health Sciences, and Dr. Shannon Scott, Interim Vice Provost for Faculty Success, to the Board.

Item B. Recognition of the Provost’s Fellows Leadership Academy Cohort

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recognized the

seventeen (17) members of the inaugural New Provost's Fellows Leadership Academy Cohort.

IV. Agenda

Regent Hyde 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 Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item A. Report on College of Arts and Sciences, School of Arts and Design, Division of Music, Mariachi

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Mr. Jason Molina, Director of the *Mariachi*, presented to the Board information related to TWU's first *Mariachi*. Mr. Molina further explained the history of the ensemble, the impact of the *Mariachi* on TWU's students, and their upcoming performances. The *Mariachi* then performed two pieces for the Board.

Item B. Recommend Approval of Honorary Degree Nomination

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Dr. Erika Armstrong, Associate Dean of the College of Health Sciences, Professor of Speech-Language Pathology, recommended approval of the award of an honorary doctorate to Ms. Glenda M. Payne. Dr. Graves explained the purpose of bestowing honorary degrees and the criteria for nomination. Dr. Armstrong then provided information on Ms. Payne's impressive qualifications and achievements.

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

Regent Hyde congratulated Ms. Glenda M. Payne on her honorary degree award.

V. Adjourn Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent Hyde adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **3:44 p.m.**