

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS**

**FULL BOARD MINUTES**

**May 17, 2024**

**TWU Dallas Campus**

**T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences – 3rd Floor, Room 3260 and 2nd Floor, Room 2502**

**Roll Call:**

**Present Full Board Members:**

Regents McDavid (Chair), Amir Khan, Coleman, Hyde, Jester, Shepard, Wilson, Wu, and Covarelli (non-voting)

**Present Administrators:**

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Monica Christopher, Dallas Campus President; Ms. Katherine A. Antwi, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board of Regents, and Chief Compliance Officer; 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; and Ms. Lisa Rampy, Interim Vice President for University Advancement.

**I. Call Full Board Meeting to Order**

With a quorum present, Regent McDavid, Chair of the Board of Regents, called the meeting to order at **9:04 a.m.** Regent McDavid welcomed attendees to the Dallas campus.

**II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of February 16, 2024**

**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 16, 2024** were approved as submitted.

**III. Consent Agenda**

Regent McDavid said the Board would now take up Items A through H on the Consent Agenda from the Finance and Audit Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee meetings.

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

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

**Item A. Recommend Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy B.20020: Whistleblower/Anti-Retaliation Policy**

**Item B. Recommend Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy G.70100: Rights and Responsibilities**

- Item C. Recommend Approval of Flight Services Contract with US Aviation Group, LLC**
- Item D. Recommend Approval of Amending PNC Bank Collective Banking Resolution**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of Regent Policy C.30300: Research Security**
- Item G. Recommend Approval of Awards for Faculty Development Leave for Academic Year 2024-2025**
- Item H. Recommend Approval of Faculty for Promotion and Tenure**

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

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Angela Bauer	Biology/Academic Affairs	Tenure
Dr. Agatha Beins	Multicultural Women's & Gender Studies	Professor
Dr. Gretchen Busl	English	Senior Lecturer
Dr. Omar Darwish	Computer Science	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Lionel Faure	Biology	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Brandi Felderhoff	Social Work	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Jacquelyn Hoermann-Elliott	English	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Anna Magie	Fashion Design & Merchandising	Professor
Ms. Michele (Sheli) Petersen	Visual Arts	Professor with Tenure
Dr. Nila Rick	Social Work	Professor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Lisa Rosen	Psychology	Professor
Dr. Shawnda Smith	Mathematics	Associate Professor with Tenure

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Mandy Golman	Health Studies	Professor
Dr. Catherine Cooper Hay	Occupational Therapy – Houston	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Alicia Lohmann	Occupational Therapy – Houston	Clinical Professor
Dr. Jennifer Martin	Occupational Therapy – Dallas	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Derek Miketinas	Nutrition & Food Sciences – Houston	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Rupal Patel	Physical Therapy – Houston	Tenure
Dr. Sarah Wainscott	Education of the Deaf	Professor
Dr. Cynthia Warren	Nutrition & Food Sciences – Denton	Professor

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Approved For</u></b>
Dr. Christiana Acho	Nursing – Dallas	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Rebecca Boruff	Nursing – Dallas	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Rachelle Campbell	Nursing – Dallas	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Colleen Halverson	Nursing – Dallas	Associate Clinical Professor with Tenure
Dr. Faheemah Hannah	Nursing – Dallas	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Ngozi Mbue	Nursing – Houston	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Brenda Moore	Nursing – Houston	Professor with Tenure
Dr. Angeles Ma Nava	Nursing – Houston	Associate Professor with Tenure
Ms. Aleatha Rossler	Nursing – Dallas	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Rebecca Schultz	Nursing – Houston	Professor with Tenure
Dr. Chanam Shin	Nursing – Denton	Tenure

**COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Approved For</u></b>
Dr. Joshua Adams	Teacher Education	Tenure
Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Kaye	Literacy and Learning	Professor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Bonnie King	Counseling and Development	Associate Professor with Tenure

**IV. Presentation**

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

Regent McDavid, Board Chair and Presiding Officer, stated that the Board would like to recognize Texas Woman’s University Student Regent, Jianna Covarelli, for her service over the past year. Regent McDavid stated that it was an honor having her serve as a Student Regent.

Student Regent Covarelli provided a report on her service as Student Regent. Student Regent Covarelli described her experiences and thanked members of the Board and TWU Community.

Chancellor Carine M. Feyten thanked Student Regent Covarelli for her service, in particular her attendance at events throughout the year.

Dr. Emarely Rosa-Dávila, Speaker of the Faculty Senate, read the following resolution to recognize Student Regent Covarelli:

**THE TWU FACULTY SENATE**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

**TWU STUDENT REGENT JIANNA COVARELLI**

*Whereas, Jianna Covarelli, pursuing dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Political Science and Social Work at Texas Woman’s University, has demonstrated academic excellence with a GPA of 3.9; and*

*Whereas, she has actively contributed to community service through her internships at the Denton County District Attorney’s Office and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, advocating for vulnerable populations; and*

*Whereas, she has represented TWU on national and international stages, such as the Reykjavik Global Political Forum and No Labels’ Youth Congress, advocating for policy reform and civic engagement; and*

*Whereas, Jianna has promoted democratic engagement at TWU, fostering a sense of unity, inclusion, and belonging among diverse student groups; and*

*Whereas, her involvement in organizations like the Athenian Honors Society and Omicron Delta Kappa has enriched the academic and social fabric of TWU; and*

*Whereas, her dedication to public service is also evident in her active participation in community events, demonstrating exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills;*

*Therefore, let it be resolved that the Faculty Senate of Texas Woman's University commends Jianna Covarelli for her outstanding leadership and commitment to social justice, appreciating her significant contributions to the university community and beyond, and wishing her continued success in all her future endeavors.*

**THE FACULTY SENATE  
TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY**

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The Regents expressed their appreciation of Student Regent Covarelli's service to the Board and wished her well in her future endeavors.

**V. Full Board Agenda**

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

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

**Item A. Recommend Approval of the Naming of The Stroke Center – Dallas**

Ms. Lisa Rampy, Interim Vice President for University Advancement, recommended approval of the naming of The Stroke Center – Dallas. Dr. Jyutika Mehta, Professor and Director of The Stroke Center – Dallas, provided information to the Board related to the donor, Mr. Mike A. Myers and his foundation, the Mike A. Myers Foundation, and the Stroke Center – Dallas. Ms. Rampy then read a Resolution naming The Stroke Center – Dallas the Mike A. Myers Stroke Center in honor of Mr. Mike A. Myers and the Mike A. Myers Foundation. Mr. Myers addressed the Board and stated he was honored to be here and delighted to be involved in TWU.

**Motion to Approve Item A:** Regent Wu motioned and Regent Wilson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Regent McDavid thanked Mr. Myers for his support of TWU. She stated on behalf of the Texas Woman's University System's Board of Regents that the Board was deeply grateful for his generous gift to TWU. The Regents expressed their appreciation of Mr. Myers' gift to TWU.

The meeting recessed at **9:37 a.m.**

At the conclusion of the recess, Regent McDavid reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **9:52 a.m.**

Chancellor Carine M. Feyten officially announced that Mr. Myers' gift was for two million dollars and thanked Mr. Myers for his significant and transformational gift.

**Item B. Report on Promotion and Tenure Faculty Highlights**

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented faculty who were awarded promotion and tenure.

### **Item C. Report on Texas Woman's University Athletics**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, introduced Ms. Sandee Mott, Director of Athletics, who provided an update on TWU Athletics. Ms. Mott began her report by thanking Regent Amirkhan for her gift to TWU Athletics that she made earlier this spring. She then provided information to the Board related to academic success of TWU student athletes. She highlighted the Artistic Swimming, STUNT, Wrestling, Gymnastics, and Softball teams' successes this year. Ms. Mott then introduced Mrs. Beth Jillson, Head Basketball Coach, and the Pioneer Basketball team to the Board. Mrs. Jillson shared with the Board the success of the 2023 Basketball season and the outstanding support shown by the TWU Community during the team's postseason tournament run. Ms. Ashley Ingram, TWU Basketball student-athlete, presented to the Board her experience as member of TWU's Basketball team.

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

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, provided an update on the Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs. Mr. Crusier began his report by thanking everyone who participates in the legislative process with his office. He then provided information related to TWU's testimony in front of the Texas Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education and the impacts of the FAA Reauthorization Act that was recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Crusier concluded his report by announcing that Congressman Al Green's office has selected Houston's nursing simulation lab as one of his community projects for the upcoming fiscal year, providing a million dollars of new equipment for the lab.

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

Chancellor Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, presented to the Board. Chancellor Feyten provided information related to recent events, TWU successes, and various other updates to the Board. She concluded her report by stating that every day is an adventure but she cannot imagine a better place to adventure with than Texas Woman's and the Board.

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

Regent McDavid 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. Specifically, she stated that the Board would engage in Consultation regarding TWU Administration.

Regent McDavid announced that the Board would also recess to Executive Closed Session for Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Specifically, she stated that the Board would hear a recommendation to approve revisions to Regent Policy B.20005: Freedom of Speech and Expression Policy and engage in Consultation with Counsel Regarding Legal Matters, Including Pending, Threatened, and Contemplated Litigation and Settlement Offers.

The meeting adjourned at **10:45 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 McDavid reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **11:38 a.m.** Regent McDavid stated the Board would take any possible action regarding matters discussed in Executive Closed Session.

**Motion to Move Approval of Item B.1 Recommend Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy B.20005: Freedom of Speech and Expression Policy:** Regent Shepard motioned, and Regent Hyde seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Regent McDavid acknowledged that Regent Jill Jester is resigning her position to accept a new role as a Denton City Council member. Regent McDavid thanked Regent Jester for her service on the Board. Regent Jester stated that it has been one of the highlights of her life to serve on this Board. Chancellor Carine M. Feyten thanked Regent Jester for her service to TWU and stated that she knows Regent Jester will do great work at the city level for the Denton community. The Regents also expressed their gratitude of Regent Jester's service to the Board.

Chancellor Carine M. Feyten recognized Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, for his contributions to TWU. Dr. Graves stated that it has been a privilege. The Regents then thanked Dr. Graves for his service to TWU.

#### **IX. Future Business**

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

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

Regent McDavid told the Board that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for August 8 and 9, 2024 on the Denton Campus.

#### **XI. Adjourn Full Board Meeting**

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent McDavid adjourned the Board of Regents meeting at **11:58 a.m.**