

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 7, 2024**

**TWU Houston Campus
Institute of Health Sciences – 10th Floor, Room 10307 and 3rd Floor, Room 3111**

Roll Call:

Present Committee Members:

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

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Monica Christopher, Dallas Campus President; Dr. Monica Williams, Houston Campus President; Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dr. Javier Flores, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Ms. Kristina Kaskel-Ruiz, Vice President for Marketing and Communication; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Ms. Lisa Rampy, Vice President for University Advancement; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Henry Torres, Chief Information Officer; and Ms. Alex Yarbrow, Acting Secretary to the Board of Regents and Director of Compliance.

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 **4:31 p.m.**

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of August 8, 2024

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

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **August 8, 2024** were approved as submitted.

III. 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 Amirkhan motioned and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item A. Report on Faculty Highlight, College of Nursing – Houston Campus

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. Nina M. Fredland, Professor of Nursing – Houston, and Dr. Elif Isik, Assistant Professor of Nursing – Houston to the Board. Drs. Isik and Fredland presented to the Board information regarding their project “Asthma Self-Management Behaviors and Cognitive Autonomy: Developing an Adolescent Questionnaire.”

Item B. Report on Faculty Highlight, College of Professional Education, Greater Houston Partnership

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. Brigitte Vittrup, Interim Dean of the College of Professional Education and Professor of Child Development. Dr. Vittrup presented information to the Board related to the Grow Your Own initiative, current partnerships, and their impact.

Item C. Report on STEM Initiatives at Texas Woman's University

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented information to the Board regarding STEM initiatives at TWU. She provided detailed information regarding TWU's informatics program and other STEM opportunities for exploration or expansion, such as engineering or computer science and cybersecurity.

Item D. Recommend Approval of New Fully Online Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies Degree

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended approval of a new fully online Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies Degree. She explained that this is an online program and will align the program with current industry standard designations. Dr. Bauer confirmed that no new resources are required for this new degree.

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

Item E. Recommend Approval of Archiving Regent Policy C.30100: Accreditation

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended approval of archiving Regent Policy C.30100: Accreditation. Dr. Bauer explained that this policy is not required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

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

IV. Adjourn to Executive Closed Session

Regent Hyde announced that the Board 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, he stated that the Board would hear a recommendation to approve a faculty member for tenure.

Regent Hyde stated that Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, would join the Executive Closed Session.

The meeting adjourned at **5:18 p.m.**

V. 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 Hyde reconvened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee into open session, a quorum being present at **5:23 p.m.** Regent Hyde stated the Board would take any possible action regarding matters discussed in Executive Closed Session.

Motion to Move Approval of Item A.1 Recommend Approval of Faculty Member for Tenure to Consent Agenda: Regent Coleman motioned and Regent Amirkhan seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VI. Adjourn Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent Hyde adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **5:24 p.m.**