

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 7, 2026

TWU Denton Campus

Hubbard Hall – Southeast Ballroom and Room 2238

Roll Call:

Present Committee Members:

Regents Coleman (Chair), Shepard, Wilson, Wright (Ex-Officio), and Jennings (Non-Voting)

Absent Committee Members:

None

Other Present Regents:

Regents Amirkhan, Hyde, McDavid, and Wu

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Mr. Christopher Johnson, Interim 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; Ms. Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Ms. Jaime Porter, Vice President for University Advancement & Alumni Engagement; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Henry Torres, Chief Information Officer; and Mr. Tucker Maberry, Secretary to the Board of Regents.

I. Call to Order

With a quorum being present, Regent Coleman, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting of the Committee to order at **1:30 p.m.**

Regent Coleman reminded everyone that the meeting is being streamed live and asked that everyone speak loudly and clearly as they make comments during the meeting.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of February 12, 2026

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

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **February 12, 2026**, were approved as submitted.

III. Agenda

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

Item A. Report on Faculty Highlight, School of Education, College of Professional Education – Denton Campus

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. Juan Araujo, Professor and Director of the School of Education, and Dr. Michaine Ashley, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, to discuss artificial intelligence (AI) integration into the College of Professional Education. Dr. Araujo explained that TWU is a leader in creating educators, with 99% of the college's students passing certification exams by their second attempt.

Dr. Ashley summarized hands-on learning opportunities in STEM topics supported by AI tools. She explained that AI can support teachers' "behind the scenes" work by helping generate interactive classroom activities and test preparation resources.

Item B. Report on Faculty Senate

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. Emarely Rosa-Dávila, Speaker of the Faculty Senate, who thanked the Board for approving the reconstituted Faculty Senate last year so it could continue its work uninterrupted. Dr. Rosa-Dávila noted trepidation among some faculty members regarding academic workloads. She concluded by stressing the importance of balancing revenue generation with faculty wellbeing.

Item C. Report on Curriculum and General Education Review

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, began her presentation by reviewing the multi-level process of the comprehensive curriculum review, which is being conducted to ensure neutral language framing in course descriptions. She stated that of all 2,882 courses in the TWU catalog, 95% have so far been revised and submitted into workflow, with 18% having already completed every review stage.

Dr. Bauer then reviewed the General Education Review Committee's work responsive to Senate Bill 37, which ensures that general education courses create a well-rounded, workforce-ready educational foundation. She noted that TWU has discretion in courses comprising the six credit hours of component area options. Dr. Bauer explained that following surveys of faculty and students, there is support to expand the first-year seminar (UNIV) into a three-credit course consistent with national practices. She also stated that survey respondents were supportive of the Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (MWGS) course category, but suggested the framing could be adjusted to align with ongoing viewpoint neutral framing efforts. Dr. Bauer noted that students who completed most of their core curriculum at other universities consistently self-reported that their acquisition of core skills was lower than students who completed most of their core curriculum at TWU, showcasing that TWU's core curriculum is successfully preparing students for upper-level undergraduate courses and civic and professional life.

Responding to a question from Regent Shepard, Dr. Bauer explained that courses in the MWGS core category are varied and taught by faculty from across the colleges with an emphasis on preparing women in civic and professional life. Regents Amirkhan, Coleman, and McDavid noted their support for the MWGS core content but recommended a name change to more accurately reflect the curriculum's content.

Responding to questions from Regents Coleman and Wilson, Dr. Bauer explained that an expansion of

the UNIV course to a three-credit hour offering may help improve its objectives of strengthening students' study skills and personal connections with the university community, both of which increase retention. Dr. Bauer explained that transfer students are usually not required to take UNIV because they typically enter TWU with many of their core courses already completed.

Item D. Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Sports Management Degree

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Dr. Rama Yelkur, Executive Dean of the MAK College of Business and Entrepreneurship, recommended approval of a new Bachelor of Business Administration in Sports Management to be housed in the MAK College of Business and Entrepreneurship. Dr. Bauer noted that the sports management field is growing, particularly in the DFW area, and TWU is well positioned to help address the underrepresentation of women in the field. Dr. Yelkur noted that many female CEOs started their careers in sports management.

Regent Wu stressed the importance of partnering with women's and men's sporting organizations alike. Responding to a question from Regent Hyde, Dr. Yelkur explained that this new program was designed after benchmarking with best practices from similar programs from universities across the country. Regent Coleman commended Dr. Yelkur for launching this program and for her passion in sports.

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

Item E. Recommend Approval of Awards for Faculty Development Leave for Academic Year 2026–2027

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended individuals for faculty development leave for academic year 2026–2027. After explaining the faculty development leave process, Dr. Bauer summarized the proposed projects of the four faculty applying for development leave: Dr. Samuel “Carter” Biggers, Dr. Minkowan Goo, Dr. Brenda Moore, and Dr. Paul Thomas.

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

IV. Recess Academic Affairs Committee Meeting into Executive Closed Session

Regent Coleman announced that the Committee would recess into 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 hear recommendations to approve certain faculty for emeritus status, promotion, or tenure.

Regent Coleman also announced that the Committee would recess into Executive Closed Session for Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Specifically, she stated that the Board would receive Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers, with Possible Action.

Regent Coleman stated that Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Ms. Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel, would join the Executive Closed Session.

The meeting recessed at **2:35 p.m.**

V. Reconvene to Open Session and Take Any Possible Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Closed Session

At the conclusion of the Executive Closed Session, Regent Coleman reconvened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee into open session, a quorum being present at **3:22 p.m.** Regent Coleman 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 Emeritus Faculty to Consent

Agenda: Regent Shepard motioned and Regent Wilson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to Move Approval of Item A.2 Recommend Approval of Faculty for Promotion and

Tenure to Consent Agenda: Regent Wilson motioned and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VI. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent Coleman adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **3:23 p.m.**