

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 20, 2020**

**TWU - Dallas Campus
5500 Southwestern Medical Ave.
Dallas, TX 75235**

Roll Call:

Present Committee Members:

Regents Shepard (Chair), Coleman, Doggett, Gallardo, Jester (Ex-Officio), and D'Abrosca (Non-Voting)

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Katherine Antwi Green, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board, and Associate Vice President of Compliance; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Randall Langston, Vice President for Enrollment Services; Dr. Kimberly Russell, Vice President of University Advancement

I. Call to Order:

With a quorum being present, Regent **Shepard**, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee called the meeting of the Committee to order at **4:13 p.m.**

Regent **Shepard** 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 November 7, 2019

Motion to Approve Minutes: Regent **Coleman** motioned and Regent **Gallardo** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **November 7, 2019** were approved as submitted.

III. Agenda

Motion to Take up Agenda Items: Regent **Doggett** motioned and Regent **Gallardo**, seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

Item A. Report of the Faculty Senate

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Katherine Rose, Speaker of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Rose provided the Board with an update on the activities of the Faculty Senate including an update on the Faculty Workload Policy, regular meetings, recent and upcoming elections, and noted the general consensus among the faculty that improvements in parking on

campus are appreciated.

Additionally, Dr. Rose provided the Board with a rundown of the annual Festival of Lights, which featured student art and performances.

Dr. Rose noted that the Faculty Senate's work on the Faculty Workload Policy is close to completion. The Faculty Senate has been taking time to figure out a way reach consensus on the provisions of the policy and anticipate that it will be ready for recommendation for approval in the fall.

Item B. Faculty Highlight of Dr. Genevieve West

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Genevieve West, Professor and Chair of the English, Speech, and Foreign Languages Department who provided a presentation on her new edited collection, *Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick, A Collection of Harlem Renaissance Stories* by Zora Neale Hurston. The volume contains nine stories recovered since the most recent publication in 1995 and provides a corrective to Hurston's legacy and was funded by a TWU Creative Arts and Humanities Research Grant that supported Dr. West's hiring of an MA Research Assistant.

Item C. Faculty Highlight of Dr. Rosemary Candelario

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced TWU Associate Professor, Rosemary Candelario, an internationally-known butoh scholar and dancer who recently co-edited *The Routledge Companion to Butoh Performance*, the first major English-language international collection of essays about butoh history and contemporary practice. In 2018, Dr. Candelario received recognition for this work with the Oscar G. Brockett book prize for best book published in dance during the past three years. The advent of butoh in 1960s Japan was a major innovation in 20th century dance and performance, not only in Japan but around the world. There are now companies and practitioners all around the world and many major metropolitan areas feature an annual butoh festival. More and more people are doing butoh training, and butoh is seen as relevant to a wide variety of art forms beyond dance such as theater, performance, music, fashion and the visual arts.

Item D. Report on TWU Transfer Student Success

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Barbara Lerner, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Partnerships provided a report to the Board on the success of TWU transfer students. The report noted that each fall, TWU welcomes approximately equivalent numbers of first time in college (FTIC) students and transfer students. Statewide data indicates that TWU enrolls a higher-than-state-average number of transfer students and that TWU students outperform their peers in persistence and graduation. The presentation described TWU's transfer student population and the policies, procedures, and institutional supports that facilitates student success, including importance and impact of community college partnerships; policies to ensure maximum transfer of academic credit; and a summary of the TWU Strategic Plan - Transfer Student Success Initiative Recent changes and work in progress.

Item E. Report on Nursing Honors Scholar Program

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Clinical Professor of Nursing on the Dallas Campus provided a brief overview of the Texas Woman's University Nursing Honors Scholar Program, including the mission, history, outcomes, and priority

initiatives to maximize outcomes and increase the program's visibility as a national leader in nursing honors. The program experienced rapid growth between 2011 and 2015, creating both challenges and opportunities across all TWU campuses. In 2017, a team of nursing honors faculty established six strategic initiatives, including the addition of a formal nursing honors curriculum, to sustain the program's expansion and maximize program outcomes in alignment with the TWU Strategic Plan. Significant outcomes from these initiatives will be highlighted by the Nursing Honors Program Coordinator, a current student, and a 2019 graduate.

Additionally, TWU students Anjali Perera and Dohee "Clara" Kwon provided TWU student perspectives on the program. Ms. Perera noted that she completed 9 manuscripts since her graduation 6 months prior and now works as a researcher for UT Southwestern.

Item F. Report on Veteran Affairs Nursing Academic Partnership

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Cory Church, Assistant Professor of Nursing on the Dallas Campus provided a report on the progress of the Veteran Affairs Nursing Academic Partnership. In 2014, the College of Nursing received federal Veterans Affairs grant funding to establish a partnership with the North Texas VA Health Care System, the second largest VA hospital in the nation. This academic-practice partnership has resulted in many positive changes impacting students, faculty, and veterans. The presentation highlighted the ongoing goals of the program and the impact on the College of Nursing and the Dallas VA. Dr. Church noted that by the time of graduation, students complete 500 hours of clinical experience working with veterans.

TWU Student, Tiamae Reyes, provided insight on the program from a student's perspective.

Item G. Recommend Approval of a New Degree: Professional Science Master's in Biotechnology

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recommended the Board approve a new degree for the University, a Professional Science Master's (PSM) degree in Biotechnology. She noted that the PSM in Biotechnology degree is well-aligned with the University's mission to produce engaged leaders and global citizens in a growing international business sector, biotechnology. As a predominantly female university, TWU is poised to contribute to the demand for women in the STEM workforce. The launch of the program would coincide with the opening of the Science and Technology Learning Center, and the combination of the modern facilities, cutting-edge training, and industry internship opportunities is expected to make the program extremely attractive to students. The first cohort of PSM students in Biotechnology would enroll in Fall 2020 and graduate in Spring 2022.

Dr. Kapinus introduced Dr. Juliet Spencer, Chair of TWU's Biology department, who provided some insight into the behind the scenes work that has been occurring to gather insights from biotechnology companies to discern what would be most valuable from biotechnology graduates.

Motion to Move Approval of Item to Consent Agenda: Regent **Doggett** motioned and Regent **Coleman** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

Item H. Recommend Approval of a New Degree: Bachelor in Business Administration in Healthcare Administration

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recommended the Board approve a new degree for the University, a Bachelor in Business Administration in Healthcare Administration. This program will target undergraduate interested in the business of healthcare, and will

capture students interested in TWU's nursing program but who cannot be admitted to the nursing program. It will be delivered face to face on the Denton campus and on hybrid basis.

Dr. James Lumpkin, Dean of the College of Business noted how this program will dovetail with the Bachelor degree already available in Healthcare Administration by combining a business degree with the healthcare administration program.

Motion to Move Approval of Item to Consent Agenda: Regent **Gallardo** motioned and Regent **Doggett** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

Item I. Recommend Approval to bestow an honorary degree upon former TWU Regent, George Schrader

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, recommended the Board approve the conferring of an honorary degree to former TWU Regent, Mr. George Schrader. Regent Schrader served on the TWU Board of Regents from 2007-2019 and this honorary degree recognizes individuals of prominence who exemplify excellence in scholarship and/or leadership who demonstrate accomplishment in the professions, sciences, arts, humanities, public service, and service to humanity.

Motion to Move Approval of Item to Consent Agenda: Regent **Gallardo** motioned and Regent **Coleman** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

IV. Recess Academic Affairs Committee Meeting into Executive Closed Session

Regent **Shepard** announced that the Committee would recess into Executive Closed Session for the purposes of deliberation regarding personnel matters pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and consultation with the University attorney pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code at **5:49 p.m.**

Specifically, the Committee heard recommendations for approval of Emeritus status of faculty and recommendations for approval of faculty development leave. Additionally, the Board consulted with University counsel regarding contemplated litigation and settlement offers.

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 **Shepard** reconvened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee into open session, a quorum being present at **6:01 p.m.**

The Committee voted to move approval of two items to the Consent Agenda.

Motion to Move Approval of granting emeritus status for faculty to Consent Agenda: Regent **Doggett** motioned and Regent **Gallardo** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

Motion to Move Approval of faculty for faculty development leave to Consent Agenda: Regent **Coleman** motioned and Regent **Doggett** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **4-0-0**.

VI. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent **Shepard** adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **6:03 p.m.**