

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
FULL BOARD MINUTES
February 21, 2020**

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

Roll Call:

Present Full Board Members:

Regents Jester (Chair), Coleman, Doggett, Gallardo, Hyde, McDavid, Shepard, Wilson, Wu, 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 **Jester**, Chair of the Board of Regents, called the meeting to order at **9:06 a.m.** Regent McDavid was not present.

Regent **Jester**, 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 Full Board Meeting of November 8, 2019

Motion to Approve Minutes: Regent **Doggett** motioned and Regent **Gallardo** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **8-0-0**.

The minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of **November 8, 2019**, were approved as submitted.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented in their respective Committees: Regent **Gallardo** motioned and Regent **Wu** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **8-0-0**.

- Item A.** Motion to Approve delegation of authority to the Vice President for Finance and Administration to execute the interlocal agreement between the city of Denton and TWU for cooperative services
- Item B.** Motion to Approve of \$1.4 million for the design and construction of maintenance and infrastructure projects in Guinn and Stark Halls and to delegate authority to the Chancellor and President for the negotiation and execution of any design and construction contracts
- Item C.** Motion to Approve the use of \$650,000 for the design and construction of air handlers and controls replacements in the Admissions and Registration building on TWU's Denton

campus and to delegate authority to the Chancellor and President for the negotiation and execution of any design and construction contracts

- Item D.** Motion to Approve the naming of two newly constructed roadways on TWU's Denton campus
- Item E.** Motion to Approve changing the name of the Undergraduate Laboratory Building to the Fine Arts Annex
- Item F.** Motion to Approve the proposed tuition and fee increase for FY 2021 and FY 2022 and delegation of authority to the Chancellor and President to determine the final increase amount
- Item G.** Motion to Approve TWU Grants awarded from September 2019 through January 2020
- Item H.** Motion to name the Science and Technology Learning Center the Scientific Research Commons
- Item I.** Motion to Approve delegation of contract authority to the Chancellor and President to negotiate and execute a contract for the purchase of electricity for TWU's Denton campus
- Item J.** Motion to Approve appointment of Maria Marroquin as Interim Director of Audit Services
- Item K.** Motion to Approve granting of a new type of degree, specifically, a Professional Science Master's in Biotechnology
- Item L.** Motion to Approve granting of a new type of degree, specifically, a Bachelor in Business Administration in Healthcare Administration
- Item M.** Motion to Approve the bestowing of an honorary degree to former TWU Regent, George Schrader
- Item N.** Motion to Approve Emeritus Status of Faculty members Dr. O. Jayne Bowman and Dr. Sandra Westmoreland
- Item O.** Motion to Approve Faculty Development Leave for Dr. Rosemary Candelario, Dr. Cynthia Evetts, Dr. Brian Harding, Dr. Lin Moore, and Dr. John Terrizzi

IV. Presentations and Awards

Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided the public with a brief overview of the recently approved faculty for emeritus status.

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life read a Recognition of Service for Ms. Carolyn Bondy and the non-profit organization, Empowering Women as Leaders, for their work in providing scholarships for TWU students.

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, welcomed Ms. Mary Anne Alhadeff as the new Executive Director of the Jane Nelson Institute for Women in Leadership.

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, read a Recognition of Service for Major General Mary Saunders, recognizing her work for the University, specifically with the Jane Nelson Institute for Women in Leadership.

During the presentations, Regent McDavid arrived to the meeting.

V. Full Board Agenda:

Motion to Take up Agenda Items: Regent **Coleman** motioned and Regent **Wilson** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **9-0-0**.

Item A. Report on Legislative Update

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Director of Legislative Affairs, provided the Board with an update on the activities of the Texas legislature, outlining how past revenue decisions would go into effect soon. He also noted that 2019 met revenue projections anticipated by the State and that 2020 is looking positive as well.

Additionally, Mr. Crusier noted how the recent Coronavirus epidemic in China may affect Texas revenue because the reduction in tankers moving products to and from China will have an effect on the need for oil and gas to move those tankers. Because oil and gas is a major part of Texas revenue, this potential effect will need to be monitored closely by the legislature to determine the impact on Texas' budgeting.

Sexual assault, and hazing on campus, and transfer between institutions were topics discussed by the House Committee on Higher Education of the Texas legislature. He noted that the Senate Committee has not met yet, but will tackle all of those issues as well as institutional facilities and data sharing.

Finally, Mr. Crusier noted that the legislature has an interim charge to address non-traditional students.

Item B. Report on TWU Athletics

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, and Ms. Sandee Mott, Director of Athletics provided a presentation to the board highlighting the TWU volleyball and soccer teams, including a video montage of TWU's soccer team.

Soccer Coach Babak Abouzar informed the Board about the obstacles the TWU Pioneer Soccer team overcame to achieve their successful season. They were the first team in the nation to qualify for NCAA.

Item C. Report on Pioneers Vote and Civic Engagement Initiatives

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, and Dr. Stephanie Krauth, Associate Vice President for Student Engagement provided a presentation to the Board on Pioneers Vote and Civic Engagement Initiatives. Dr. Krauth noted that in spring of 2018, a Civic Engagement task force, consisting of faculty, students and staff, came together to put a renewed focus on the civic education and community engagement of TWU students. The task force submitted proposals and were accepted into the NASPA LEAD initiative, the All-In Democratic Challenge, and the Voter Friendly Campus Designation process. She also updated the Board on the results of Student Life's civic engagement initiatives and future plans going into 2020 and 2021.

Item D. Report on TWU Students with Children

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, and Dr. Amy O'Keefe, Executive Director of Campus Alliance for Resource Education provided an update to the Board on students with children. Dr. O'Keefe noted that recently, Texas Woman's University was recognized by Best Colleges as the sixth Best College for Students with Children in the nation and was the highest ranked public university. Best Colleges noted TWU's on-campus family housing, afterschool childcare, SPARK (Student Pioneers Also Raising Kids) student organization. Other unique programs for student parents include the Holiday Gift Program and Family Graduation Celebration. Many of these programs are particularly impactful for our single parents and exemplify our purpose "Educate a Woman, Empower the World".

Item E. Recommend Approval of Regent Policy: Freedom of Speech and Expression

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, recommended that the Board approve proposed updates to the Free Speech Policy developed in response to recently passed state legislation SB

18. The updated policy would replace TWU's current Free Speech Policy and would be supplemented in the future with a URP that outlines more specifically how TWU's administration will handle matters related to free speech.

Motion to Approve Item: Regent **Wilson** motioned and Regent **Shepard** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of **9-0-0**.

VI. Chancellor and President's Report

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, provided her quarterly report reminding the regents of the University's efforts to move forward with the University's Strategic Plan, focusing on five of the Plan's initiatives including:

1. the launching and recent progress of the Institute for Women in Leadership in alignment with the Women's Leadership initiative;
2. recent efforts to increase brand awareness through marketing, billboards, radio ads, the recently developed "Connecting the Dogs" print piece, and electronic newsletter in alignment with the Visibility initiative, but noting that there is still more work to be done;
3. the University's efforts in weaving health and wellbeing into the fabric of the University as a whole in alignment with the Health and Wellbeing initiative;
4. the wrapping up of several construction projects in alignment with the Master Plan & Space Utilization initiative; and
5. an update on the Competitive Sports initiative, noting that the TWU Soccer team is doing amazing work, highlighting the recent hire of the first coach for TWU's new synchronized swimming team, Sara Lowe Lilly, who is a bronze medal Olympian who will bring international visibility to TWU as she is internationally renowned.

Dr. Feyten concluded her presentation by outlining the upcoming initiative foci, including Global Perspectives, Innovative Childcare Solutions, Health Care Programming, and Purpose and Skills.

VII. Future Business

No proposals were made for future business.

VIII. Regents' Remarks

Regent Hyde asked for more information about the University's disaster recovery plan.

Regent Coleman expressed excitement about Hubbard Hall's recent renovation and looks forward to the Homecoming celebrations there.

IX. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent **Jester** adjourned the committee meeting at **10:33 a.m.**