

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 13, 2025

TWU Houston Campus

Institute of Health Sciences – 10th Floor, Room 10307

Roll Call:

Present Committee Members:

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

Absent Committee Members:

None

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; Ms. Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Ms. Jaime Porter, Interim 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 **1:59 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 August 14, 2025

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 **August 14, 2025**, were approved as submitted.

III. Agenda

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

Item A. Report on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. Nancy Chick, Executive Director of Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, who presented on the integration of SoTL at TWU. Dr. Chick explained how students of SoTL-active faculty have a deeper approach to learning and emotional intelligence. She stated that approximately 500 TWU students are currently participating in classes with SoTL “mini lessons,” the data from which will be analyzed to improve future courses.

Regent McDavid stated her support for further incorporating SoTL at TWU. Responding to a question from Regent Wright, Dr. Chick stated that the quick “mini lesson” approach makes SoTL easier to implement in content-heavy classes, which may allow time for students to provide feedback on the approach at the end of the semester.

Item B. Report on the Center for Leadership Research and Workforce Development: A Collaboration of Academic Affairs and the Jane Nelson Institute for Women’s Leadership

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Ms. Shannon Mantaro, Executive Director and Chief Officer of the Jane Nelson Institute for Women’s Leadership (JNIWL), who presented on the Center for Leadership Research and Workforce Development. Ms. Mantaro provided a brief overview of the history of JNIWL. She explained how leadership research and workforce development complement one another and are well suited for inclusion in JNIWL.

Regent McDavid stated her support for workforce readiness initiatives. Responding to a question from Regent Coleman, Dr. Bauer explained that both the SoTL lessons and the workforce development initiatives from JNIWL will also be available to the TWU Dallas and TWU Houston campuses. Regent Hyde recommended piloting an alumni survey to gauge how recent graduates felt about their workforce readiness. Dr. Bauer noted her emphasis on data-driven approaches to refine classroom and workforce outcomes.

Item C. Recommend Approval of Delegation of Authority to the Chancellor and President and to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost for Texas Education Code Section 51.315

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended approval of delegation of authority to the Chancellor and Provost to implement Texas Education Section 51.315, which pertains to establishing a general education curriculum review enacted by Senate Bill (SB) 37 of the 89th Regular Legislature. Dr. Bauer explained that the proposed delegation of authority would not remove the Board’s authority to review changes to the general education curriculum, appoint committees to assist with duties, or submit annual Board certifications of compliance to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

In response to Regent Shepard’s question about curriculum compatibility with the course catalog, Dr. Bauer explained that courses are reviewed for catalog compatibility and students are welcome to submit questions to faculty and submit formal grievances. Dr. Bauer explained that the permissibility for students to record lectures varies by class, but that topic will be included in the proposed general education curriculum review. Dr. Bauer stated that an ongoing initiative is to review return on investment and workforce alignment of low-enrollment courses. Chancellor Feyten noted that many of the requirements of SB 37 were already being addressed in a data-driven approach by Dr. Bauer, so those efforts will feed into the proposed general education curriculum review.

Regent Hyde expressed discomfort with the inclusion of the word “delegation” in the title of Item C. Regent Wu requested clarification on the scope of which duties the Board was considering delegating.

Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel, clarified that the intent of the action item is to allow the Chancellor and Provost to begin working on the general education curriculum review framework, but the Board would retain ultimate authority to approve the framework and appoint committee members.

Motion to Amend the Title of Item C. to “Recommend Approval for the Chancellor and President and the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost to Begin the Process of Following Texas Education Code Section 51.315”: Regent Wright motioned and Regent Wilson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to Move Approval of Item C. 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 a recommendation to approve emeriti faculty.

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

The meeting recessed at **3:07 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 **3:16 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 Emeriti Faculty 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 **3:17 p.m.**