

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
August 10, 2023**

**TWU Denton Campus  
Hubbard Hall – Southeast Ballroom**

**Roll Call:**

**Present Committee Members:**

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

**Present Administrators:**

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Katherine A. Antwi, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board, and Chief Compliance Officer; Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Ms. Kristina Kaskel-Ruiz, Vice President for Marketing and Communication; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Kimberly Russell, Vice President for University Advancement; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President for Finance and Administration; and Dr. Javier Flores, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management.

**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 **3:37 p.m.**

Regent Hyde welcomed Regents Ellen Amirkhan, Bernadette Coleman, Jill Jester, Kathleen Wu, and Student Regent Jianna Covarelli to the Board.

**II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of May 16, 2023**

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

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **May 16, 2023** 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 Coleman motioned and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Item A. Report on Faculty Highlight, College of Arts and Sciences, School of the Arts and Design, Dance – Denton Campus**

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. Ilana Morgan, Associate Professor of Dance. Dr. Morgan provided a presentation to the Board on her current research topic of dance learning for youth in detention. Dr. Morgan explained that her dance

learning program is part of the Denton County Post-Adjudication Courage to Change Program, which is funded by a two year National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Arts Education Grant. Dr. Morgan described the detention center environment and her research at the center. She concluded her report by presenting that her findings revealed that the Courage to Change Program provides juveniles with agency over space, expression of identity and freedom, opportunities to make artistic choices, allows collaboration with different people, and develops skills for creating from the unknown and creating the self.

#### **IV. Adjourn Academic Affairs Committee Meeting to Executive Closed Session**

Regent Hyde then announced that the Committee would recess to Executive Closed Session for the purposes of 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. Regent Hyde stated the Committee will hear a recommendation to approve Emeritus and Emerita faculty and a recommendation to approve faculty for tenure.

Regent Hyde stated that Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, would join the Executive Closed Session.

The meeting adjourned at **3:56 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 **4:12 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 Emeritus and Emerita Faculty to Consent Agenda:** Regent Coleman motioned and Regent Amirkhan seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Motion to Move Approval of Item A.2 Recommend Approval of Faculty 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 **4:14 p.m.**