

**TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 16, 2023**

**TWU Dallas Campus
T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences – 3rd Floor, Room 3620**

Roll Call:

Present Committee Members:

Regents Hyde (Chair), Coleman, Shepard, McDavid (ex-officio), and L. Wilson (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 **1:01 p.m.**

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of February 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 **February 16, 2023** were approved as submitted.

III. Presentation

Item A. Recognition of Service of Student Regent and Student Regent Report on Service

Regent McDavid, Board Chair and Presiding Officer, stated that the Board would like to recognize Texas Woman’s University Student Regent, Lily Wilson, for her service over the past year and that Regent L. Wilson will provide a report on her service.

Regent L. Wilson described her experiences and shared some lighthearted anecdotes about her time as a Student Regent.

Chancellor Carine M. Feyten thanked Regent L. Wilson for her service and acknowledged that she will always be a Pioneer.

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr.

John Terrizzi, Jr., Speaker of the Faculty Senate, to read a resolution in special recognition and appreciation of Regent L. Wilson. Dr. Terrizzi shared that this is one of his favorite Faculty Senate traditions.

He then read the following resolution to recognize Regent L. Wilson:

THE TWU FACULTY SENATE
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
TWU STUDENT REGENT LILY WILSON

Whereas, Lily Wilson is currently pursuing a degree in Political Science with an emphasis in legal studies; and

Whereas, she has been on the Lone Star Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll; and

Whereas, she has received the TWU Excellence Scholarship; and

Whereas, she has earned the Dawson History and Government Scholarship; and

Whereas, she was recognized as the National Fastpitch Coaches Association as an All-American Scholar-Athlete in the NCAA DIVISION II; and

Whereas, she had a batting average of .303; and

Whereas, she was recognized with the Hallmark award at the 2023 Redbud Awards for leadership and service to others; and

Whereas, she has been selected for a prestigious internship opportunity in Summer 2023, working for Representative Burgess (26th District) in Washington DC, where she will learn about the legislative process, conduct tours of the U.S. Capitol building, research policy issues, attend briefings, and work closely with legislative and communications staff; and

Therefore let it be resolved that the Faculty Senate of Texas Woman's University commends Lily Wilson for her outstanding leadership in the university community and wishes her continued success in all her future endeavors.

THE FACULTY SENATE
TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

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The Regents expressed their appreciation of Regent L. Wilson's service to the Board and wished her well in her future endeavors.

IV. 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 Senate

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. John Terrizzi, Jr., Speaker of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Terrizzi provided the Board with an update on activities of the Faculty Senate over the past year. He also read the following two resolutions that were recently passed by the Faculty Senate, Resolution of Support for Academic Freedom and Open Inquiry and Resolution of Support for Diversity and Inclusion.

Item B. Report on Faculty Highlight, College of Nursing – Dallas Campus

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, introduced Dr. Jennifer Woo, Assistant Professor of Nursing. Dr. Woo then provided the Board with an update on her research, which centers on understanding the causes for preterm birth in Black women. Dr. Woo's presentation focused on the psychosocial and molecular pathways that are associated with preterm births in Black women.

Item C. Recommend Approval of Awards for Faculty Development Leave for Academic Year 2023-2024

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended approval of faculty development leave for Academic Year 2023-2024.

There were six (6) candidates presented to the Board for faculty development leave. Dr. Graves then explained that the funding for these awards will come from the Academic Affairs' Faculty Development account.

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

Item D. Recommend Approval of the New Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry Degree

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended approval of the New Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry degree. This degree will be offered via face-to-face delivery on the Denton campus. The degree will prepare students for entry level positions in pharmaceutical, chemical, and biotech industries. Dr. Graves confirmed that no new resources are required for this new degree.

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

Item E. Recommend Approval of the New Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science Degree

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended approval of the New Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science degree. This is a face-to-face program

that will be offered on the Denton campus. It will prepare students for a range of careers in the environmental sciences. Dr. Graves confirmed that no new resources are required for this new degree.

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

V. 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 the creation of the School of Aeronautical Sciences, a recommendation to approve the new Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science Degree Program. Regent Hyde stated the Committee will also hear a recommendation to approve faculty for promotion and 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 **1:42 p.m.**

VI. 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 **2:14 p.m.** Regent Hyde stated the Board would take any possible action regarding matters discussed in Executive Closed Session.

Item VI.A. Recommend Approval of the Creation of the School of Aeronautical Sciences

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended approval of the creation of the School of Aeronautical Sciences.

Dr. Graves indicated that a flight school will be chosen as a partner for the School of Aeronautical Sciences. The ground courses and core courses will be taught face-to-face on the Denton campus. Dr. Graves explained that TWU wants to begin offering classes in Fall 2024.

Several Regents expressed their excitement about creating a School of Aeronautical Sciences.

Motion to Move Approval of Item VI.A to Consent Agenda: Regent Coleman motioned, and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item VI.B. Recommend Approval of the New Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science Degree Program

Dr. O. Finley Graves, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, recommended approval of the New Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science Degree Program.

Dr. Graves explained that this will be a new face-to-face program offered on the Denton Campus, beginning in Fall 2024. It will have two (2) tracks, the professional pilot track and the aviation management track. He detailed that the professional pilot track will lead to a restricted ATP certificate,

which is equivalent to a commercial pilot's license. He then explained that the aviation management track will prepare students for positions in a variety of aviation settings.

Motion to Move Approval of Item VI.B to Consent Agenda: Regent Shepard motioned, and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to Move Approval of Item VI.C Recommend Approval of Faculty for Promotion and Tenure to Consent Agenda: Regent Coleman motioned, and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VII. Adjourn Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, Regent Hyde adjourned the Academic Affairs Committee meeting at **2:31 p.m.**