**TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY**

# BOARD OF REGENTS

# COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Board of Regents’ Conference Room

Administration Conference Tower (ACT), 16th Floor

304 Administration Drive, Denton, Texas

Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

**Committee Members:**

Mrs. Nancy Paup, Chair

Dr. Melissa Tonn, Vice Chair

Mrs. Debbie Gibson, Member

Dr. Ann Scanlon McGinity, Member

Ms. Neftali Gomez, Student Regent

Mrs. Mary Wilson, Ex-Officio

**Administrators:**

Dr. Carine Feyten, Chancellor and President

Ms. Destinee Waiters, General Counsel

Dr. Robert Neely, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ms. B. J. Crain, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration

Mr. Gary Ray, Vice President for Enrollment Services

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life

Ms. Heidi Tracy, Vice President for University Advancement

**Call to Order:**

Mrs. Nancy Paup, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, called the meeting of the Committee to order at 1:57 p.m., a quorum being present.

**Academic Affairs Committee:**

1. **Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of November 5, 2015**

Motion: Dr. McGinity motioned and Dr. Tonn seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting of November 5, 2015 were approved as submitted.

1. **Adjourn to Executive Session**

Mrs. Paup noted that an Executive Session would not be held for this Committee meeting.

1. **Agenda**
* **Item 01: Report on Academic Partnerships**

Dr. Robert Neely, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, shared a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, *TWU Academic Partnerships; Working Together to Enhance Programs, Create Pathways, and Optimize Student Success*, which provided an overview of the types and number of academic partnerships in which the University is engaged. He stated that Dr. Barbara Lerner, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies & Academic Partnerships, and her office coordinate and support partnership initiatives, including 4-year institutions, community colleges, K-12 education, workforce, and non-profit entities, in all divisions of the University. Dr. Neely called upon academic component leaders from each of the colleges, including Dr. Jo Ann Stankus, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Dr. Gina Anderson, Dean of Professional Education; Dr. Erika Armstrong, Chair of Communication Sciences and Disorders; and Dr. Ashley Bender, Assistant Professor of English, Speech and Foreign Languages, to briefly described a partnered initiative undertaken within their units.

Dr. Carine Feyten, Chancellor and President, stated that these partnerships meet the needs of the community, are cost effective for students, and benefit the University.

Dr. Scanlon McGinity commented that Dr. Neely and Dr. Anita Hufft, Dean of the College of Nursing, are currently working on an international partnership to send students to Saudi Arabia.

Mrs. Paup noted receipt of this report and stated that these types of initiatives go along with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Strategic Plan: 60x30.

* **Item 02: Report on The Center for Women** **in Business**

Dr. Tina Mims, Interim Director of the Center for Women in Business, shared a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, *The Hub for Women Entrepreneurs*, and provided an update regarding the exceptional item funding to support the new Center involving women in business and identified the goals for and vision of the Center.

Dr. Neely thanked and extended personal gratitude to Mr. Kevin Cruser, Director of Governmental and Legal Affairs, and Chancellor Feyten for their roles in gaining the funding for this center.

Mrs. Paup noted receipt of this report.

* **Item 03: Report on The Campus Alliance for Resources and Education (CARE) Office**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, and Ms. Amy O’Keefe, Executive Director of CARE (Campus Alliance for Resource Education) shared a PowerPoint Presentation and stated that the CARE Office was created to expand the traditional concept of student support to address the broader needs of TWU students and to support University retention efforts by focusing on the non-traditional, online, and commuter students, including access to reliable and adequate nutrition, transportation, housing, child care, and access to emergency funds, allowing them to focus on and achieve their educational goals and prepare them for life.

Chancellor Feyten stated that this office will be a “one-stop shop” where students can obtain a different array of information for services that are available on campus and in the surrounding community. She thanked Regent Tonn for her gift, which provides funds for this office.

Mrs. Paup noted receipt of this report.

* **Item 04: Presentation on TWU's Strategic and Analytical Approach to Persistence and Graduation**

Dr. Neely; Dr. Michael Stankey, Director of Analytics; and Dr. Mark Hamner, Associate Provost for Institutional Research and Improvement, shared a PowerPoint Presentation, provided an overview of TWU’s analytical capability as it relates to graduation and persistence measures that are regularly included in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board 2015 Accountability Report for TWU, and stated that TWU has become very proactive in developing student success strategies that result from detailed analyses.

Mrs. Paup noted receipt of this report.

* **Item 05: Report on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Strategic Plan: 60x30**

Mr. Gary Ray, Vice President Enrollment Services, shared a PowerPoint Presentation that described the THECB’s *Strategic Plan: 60x30*, which launches the new higher education plan for 2015 through 2030 that focuses on the common goal of all Texas institutes of higher education of striving to have 60 percent of the 25- to 34-year old Texas population hold a certificate or degree by the year 2030. He provided the action steps that TWU will take to support the new plan by increasing student success through combined expertise and resources of many stakeholders.

Mrs. Paup noted receipt of this report.

* **Item 06: Report on the New Doswell Endowed Chair for Informatics**

Dr. Neely and Dr. Anita Hufft, Dean of the College of Nursing, stated that the gift from Florence A. Doswell to the TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center in 2011 provides for one of two endowed chairs and introduced Dr. Mari Tietze, Associate Professor in Nursing, as the new Doswell Endowed Chair in Informatics. Dr. Tietze provided information about her background and experience in informatics and explained the opportunities that both the endowed chair position and TWU’s new baccalaureate, master’s, and certificate programs in informatics bring to the University.

Mrs. Paup noted receipt of this report.

* **Item 07: Consider Recommending Approval of the New Graduate Program in Informatics**

Mrs. Gibson motioned and Dr. Scanlon McGinity seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

Dr. Neely stated that this program will be housed in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. He called upon Dr. Don Edwards, Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science, who stated that this program will complement the undergraduate program and provide graduate students with a flexible, adaptable, interdisciplinary and inter-professional approach to the study of informatics that will be delivered in a hybrid learning environment and will encourage collaborative teaching and progressive joint program development.

The recommendation to offer the new graduate program in informatics was approved as submitted.

* **Item 08: Consider Recommending Approval of Administration’s Recommendation to Approve Retiring Deans for Emeritus Status**

Dr. Scanlon McGinity motioned and Mrs. Gibson seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

Dr. Neely stated that Dr. Ann Staton, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Ms. Sherilyn Bird, Dean of the TWU Libraries, each served the University for over a decade and, in their leadership roles, advanced TWU’s mission in their respective areas of service.

The recommendation for approval of the administration’s recommendation to approve the listed deans for emeritus status, the University having followed the required process and the deans having met and completed the required standards, these approvals being recommended by the Provost and Chancellor and President, was approved as submitted.

* **Item 09: Consider Recommending Approval of Administration’s Recommendation to Approve Faculty Development Leaves**

Dr. Tonn motioned and Dr. Scanlon McGinity seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

Dr. Neely explained the purpose and requests for faculty development leaves. He referred to the accompanying faculty development leave recommendations for 2016 through 2017, which provided the name of each of the faculty members, the department of the individual faculty member, their corresponding research leave as well as the figures for a one-semester leave at full pay or a two-semester lave at half pay.

The recommendation for approval of the administration’s recommendation to approve the listed faculty development leaves, the University having followed the required process and the faculty having met and completed the required standards, these approvals being recommended by the Provost after consideration by the Faculty Development Leave Committee, was approved as submitted.

* **Item 10: Update from the Faculty Senate**

Ms. Liz Spoonts, Clinical Associate Professor in Dental Hygiene and Speaker of the TWU Faculty Senate, gave an update on Faculty Senate business since the November 2015 Board of Regents meeting, including the Annual Performance Task Force, the new Campus Carry policy development, the Golf Course Feasibility Study, and the Faculty Spotlight Event. She stated that the upcoming meeting for the Faculty Senate is in March, but that this is the last day that she will report to the Board as the Speaker of the Faculty Senate.

Chancellor Feyten thanked Ms. Spoonts for her service and commented that under her services, Ms. Spoonts encouraged working together for a common goal.

Mrs. Paup noted receipt of this report.

1. **Adjourn**

With no further business coming before the Academic Affairs Committee, the Committee adjourned in its entirety at 4:19 p.m.