

University Assembly
April 20, 2011
President's Conference Room

Members Present: Alfred, Allen, Armistead, Ballal, Bates, R. Bell, Burnett, Cowan, Dainty, Darvennes, Elkins, Foster, Groundland, Harris, Hodum, Huddleston, Isbell, James, Jordan-Wagner, Laningham, Loutzenheiser, Macke, McQuiston, Null, O'Connor, Ochsenbein, Otuonye, Pashley, Peach, Roberts, M. Smith, Stephens, Stinson, Timmerman, M. Wilson, Young

Members Absent: Anthony, Bagley, Baier, L. Bell, Best, Bhegani, Binkley, Boucher, Canfield, Cunningham, Gatts, Gore, Green, Hajdik, Holder, Jonakin, Larimore, Lee, Lyons, Mannle, Marquis, Matson, Mielke, Morgan, Murphy, Ojo, Pardue, Raper, Semmes, Sherrell, A. Smith, Walker, C. Wilson, Zhu

Others Present: Danny Reese, Charles Wilkerson

Summary of Proceedings

Approved Agenda

Approved minutes of December 1, 2010

Received annual report of the International Student Affairs Committee

Received annual report of the Information Technology Committee

Received report of Academic Council for spring 2011

Received report of Administrative Council for spring 2011

Proceedings

President Bell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. President Bell announced the appointment of Dr. Stephens as interim provost. Dr. Armistead and Dean Peach were congratulated on their upcoming retirements and commended for their service to the University. Dr. Dainty was recognized as the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award for Service, and Drs. Badoe and Baier were acknowledged as recipients of the Outstanding Faculty for Teaching Awards for 2010-2011.

Dr. Bell reviewed the meeting agenda and a motion to approve was made by Dr. Ballal. Dr. Alfred seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Dr. Ballal moved approval of the minutes of December 1, 2010. Dr. Huddleston seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Mr. Charles Wilkerson presented the annual report of the International Student Affairs Committee. The committee met on March 22, 2011, to discuss how to deal with international students who do not pass the Compass exam in mathematics. The Compass exam serves as ACT

replacement testing for non-traditional and international students. Follow-up meetings have been scheduled with both the Math department and Academic Development. The report was unanimously approved by the Assembly as presented by Mr. Wilkerson.

Mr. Reese provided the following report of the Information Technology Committee. The Information Technology Committee met four times during the 2010-2011 academic year. Recent IT activity for the University includes the switchover to live@EDU on November 17; Banner 8 system implemented in December 2010; Cloud Computing implemented February 18; and the continued progress of network upgrades funded by stimulus money. Mr. John Smith will chair the committee for 2011-2012. The Assembly unanimously received the report as presented.

Academic Council: The Assembly unanimously received the following report as presented by Academic Council Chair Dr. Susan Laningham:

Academic Council met twice during the spring semester. At each meeting, the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

On Wednesday, March 2, 2011, the Council

- 1) Approved unanimously the procedures, membership list, reporting structure, and name of the University Research Advisory Committee
- 2) Received information concerning the creation of a subcommittee (chaired by Brian O'Connor) that will review our academic calendar
- 3) Learned from Provost Armistead that due to new guidelines from THEC, the TBR Academic Affairs Subcouncil has approved a new policy on faculty letters of intent

On Wednesday, April 13, 2011, the Council

- 1) Approved annual reports from the ten committees that report to Academic Council (Admissions and Credits Committee; Committee on Commencements, Convocations, and Academic Ceremonies; Curriculum Committee; Faculty Development Steering Committee; Faculty Research Committee; Graduate School Executive Committee; Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education Committee; University Library Committee; Teacher Education Committee; University Research Advisory Committee)
- 2) Approved three new RODP MSN Post-Master's Certificate Programs (Nursing Informatics; Nursing Administration; Nursing Education)
- 3) Approved a new Masters in Curriculum/Music
- 4) Approved a Fast Track MS Program in Computer Science
- 5) Voted to return to the academic calendar of 2009-2010
- 6) Heard a report from Beth Rogers concerning Mid-Term Grade Reports, after which Chair appointed a subcommittee on Mid-Term Grading/Early Alert System, to examine more effective methods of informing a student and his/her advisor of the student's academic progress or peril
- 7) Agreed to vote, via e-mail, on implementation of a Ph.D. in Engineering with a concentration in Computer Science
- 8) Elected Linda Null as Chair of Academic Council for 2011-2012

Administrative Council: The Assembly unanimously received the following report as presented by Administrative Council Chair Dr. Suellen Alfred:

Council met twice during the Spring 2011 semester: February 23, and April 6. At each meeting, agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The following summarizes these meetings:

February 23, 2011

- Approved the revised Constitution for the National Society of Black Engineers of TTU. This organization's purpose is to stimulate and develop student interest in engineering; to strive to increase the number of students studying engineering at both undergraduate and graduate levels; and to endeavor in the advancement of the ethnic minority engineer in professional industry.
- Approved the Engineers Without Borders Constitution of TTU. This is a humanitarian organization comprised of students from all majors working together with other schools on projects to help areas in need, both overseas and locally.
- Committee approved motion that statement/policy re: TTU is a Tobacco-Free Campus be visible on the TTU website. Dean of Students Mr. Boucher clarified how to address enforcement of the policy as well as agree to join with SGA President Ochsenbein to research other TBR school policies and report to the committee in April.
- Committee appointed Dr. Ballal to the Nominating Committee for Administrative Council chair for 2011-2012.

April 6, 2011

- Approved proposed revisions to Athletics Policies and Procedures presented by Mr. Harrell. Scheduling and safety measures for the new Athletic Performance Center are detailed in the proposed policy.
- Approved annual reports for Athletics concerning Diversity Issues and Gender Equity.
- Received annual reports of committees that report to the Administrative Council. All reports were reviewed and approved by the Committee.
- Received report re: TBR university campuses "Tobacco Free Campus" policies and procedures. Dean of Students Mr. Boucher and SGA President Ochsenbein presented the extensive report provided by APSU Police Unit and APSU SGA. TBR mandates no smoking in public buildings or within fifty feet of the entrance. Individuals may notify University Policy to report those not in compliance with TTU's current policy.

- Elected Professor Regina Lee as Council chairman for 2011-2012. Professor Lee accepted the nomination of the Nominating Committee and was elected by acclamation.

Other Such Matters

The following informational items were briefly discussed with Assembly membership:

Significant progress is being made in the Library Commons and will be fabulous upon completion.

- House passes Science in the Classroom Bill.
- Government is discussing bill to allow faculty to carry guns to class.
- Spring commencement will be split into two ceremonies for the first time in TTU history.
- Dr. Bell gave special thanks to Dr. Deivy and Mr. Reese for their assistance in the IT infrastructure project. Network upgrades funded by stimulus money are progressing smoothly.

Dr. Ballal moved to adjourn and Dr. Alfred seconded. The meeting ADJOURNED at 4:05 p.m.

Terri Taylor, Recorder