



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

# Minutes

## April 6, 2016

### Senate Room, SUB

Call to Order – 4:03 pm

#### **Guest Speakers**

Chancellor Duncan and Interim President Dr. Opperman: thanked staff. Talked about vet school. History of vet school: started when they approved the med school. Challenge was to get med school going, did not devote funding to the vet school at that time. HSC has graduated over 1800 healthcare professionals. Similar vision exists for the vet school. Approval went away over time. In 2009 there was a move to have a vet school in East Texas. It's harder to get into vet school than any other professional school in the state of Texas. A study in 2009 concluded there was a significant shortage of vets. They thought A&M could address the issue. In 2014- new veterinarian initiative by A&M. Reached out to A&M to collaborate on a vet program (2x2). Amarillo has always wanted vet school. Looked at program in Calgary, Alberta. Distributed model: instead of having large hospital, they contract with adjunct professors in existing veterinary practices. We have hired consultants to create that model. Where does that leave us? This vet school will be in Amarillo due to the large animal industry there (feedlots, dairies). Went to Colorado State, Kansas State, and Oklahoma State to meet with presidents and deans from those universities. They were not opposed. They were interested in collaborative research. Working on business model now to forecast costs. Will present to coordinating board later this year. Step 2, go to legislature to get funding to start it. They will provide baseline funding until get full formula funding. Don't need a statute to create the vet school. A vet school will: enhance the industry in our area of the world, it will enhance the mission of TTU both academically and with research opportunities. Questions: When will the request be presented? At the next session. Need to get dean in place as quickly as possible to lead the charge. Timeline of presidential search? They are in the stage of soliciting applications. Hope to have interviews started in May. Hope to have someone in place by fall semester. They have a quality search firm. They did open it up to internal candidates. Are we going to have income issues? They did not spend all of the funds last year in the legislature. With oil down, sales tax revenue is down. Should not be as bad as 2011. Funding should stay flat. Tuition deregulation topic. Texas one of few states where we infuse and invest more in higher ed.

Dr. Green: Office of Academic Engagement; new structure under provost's office. Carnegie designation for community engagement. Had solid partners in community who we had reciprocal relationship with. Under priority 4 of strategic plan. This office was created to increase awareness of engagement. Camps, online programs, community based research, professional development programs. Advisory committee for academic engagement. Published second newsletter, Campus Community Collaborate. Raiders Engaged assessment. Results of last one will be published, analyzing data now. Activities across campus that they are not capturing. Working on awards and recognition for faculty, staff, and students for engagement activity. Website to link all programs together. Hope to increase communication and understanding. Encourage departments to participate in the annual assessment. Hope to expand the office to offer support services and facilitate partnerships. Connect researchers with community partner to come up with mutual solutions. Goes back to mandate by state of Texas that institutions should offer programs and activities that are relevant to society. Rely on faculty/staff to identify community needs.

#### **Administrative Business**

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Roll Call      Quorum:   34        Present:   32  

Past Minutes (March): Tabled due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Senator Rodriguez. Tech Advantage bags are ready. Have brought in \$1600 for vendor tables.

#### **New Business**

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- Scholarship Endowment- will have update for that at next meeting.
- Baseball tickets reminder



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- Arbor Day- need sign up sheet. 4/29, RSVP'd for 10. Tech to Town- Saturday.
- What's Happening in Your Neck of the Woods?
  - SBDC panel about starting a business.
  - Women's networking event
  - Tapingo- online mobile food service ordering app. They will have delivery component eventually.

### Committee Reports

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#### **Staff Senate Committees:**

**Constitution & By-laws:** Phillip Gill, nothing new to report.

**Elections/Nominations:** Tech Announces going out. Have 13 nominations. 3<sup>rd</sup> year senators look for replacement

**Grievance:** Nothing new to report.

**Issues:** Nothing new to report.

**Public Relations & Communication:** Tech Advantage on 5/24 6 weeks away. Have bags and will work on water bottles. Have 30 tables as of today. If anyone knows of a business they would like to invite, send contact to Andrea.

**Scholarship:** Nothing new to report.

**Technology:** nothing new to report. Jacek volunteered for committee.

**OP Review:** nothing new to report.

#### **Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Ethic Center Advisory Committee:** Nothing new to report.

**Joint Childcare Facility:** Nothing new to report.

**Sexual Assault/Title IX Task Force:** no report.

**Sharepoint Update:** Nothing new to report.

**Strategic Planning Council:** nothing new to report.

**TTU Senates (FAC, Staff, SGA):** Nothing new to report.

**Bravo Board/HR:** Nothing new to report.

**Campus Carry:** recommendation came out. Did not think that individual offices would pass. Part of committee will evaluate events on case by case basis. Would like to see president's office make recommendation for one small room in every building space to be exempt.

**Traffic and Pedestrian Safety:** not present.

#### **University Committees:**

**University Parking:** reviewed 12 appeals.

**Faculty Senate:** not present.

**Academic Council:** not focusing on goal of 40,000 students by 2020 because will reach that before then. New goals is to get all undergrads to enroll in 15 credit hours per semester.

**Provost Council:** same as academic council.

**President's Cabinet:** Costa Rica campus still in discussion.

NEO Reminders:



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NEO Date	Senator 1	Senator 2
4/12/2016	Stephanie Bohn	David Luna
5/10/2016	Alma Perez	Sarah Schwintz
6/14/2016	Rob Farrer	Randa Roberson
7/12/2016	Tammy Pitzer	Jennifer Maddox
8/9/2016		

4/12/2016	Tue	vs. Sam Houston State	6:30 p.m. CT	17	OPEN
4/13/2016	Wed	vs. Sam Houston State	2:00 p.m. CT	18	OPEN
4/15/2016	Fri	vs. San Diego State	6:30 p.m. CT	19	David Noret
4/16/2016	Sat	vs. San Diego State	2:00 p.m. CT	20	OPEN
4/17/2016	Sun	vs. San Diego State	1:00 p.m. CT	21	OPEN
4/22/2016	Fri	vs. Texas *	6:30 p.m. CT	22	Alma Perez
4/23/2016	Sat	vs. Texas *	2:00 p.m. CT	23	Ambry Shepherd
4/24/2016	Sun	vs. Texas *	2:00 p.m. CT	24	Jennifer Chavira
5/19/2016	Thur	vs. West Virginia *	6:30 p.m. CT	25	OPEN
5/20/2016	Fri	vs. West Virginia *	2:00 p.m. CT	26	OPEN
5/21/2016	Sat	vs. West Virginia *	2:00 p.m. CT	27	Elizabeth Villegas

Motion to Adjourn at 4:53 Senator Evola motioned to adjourn. Senator Gill seconded.