

Report on the TTU Ethics Advisory Board meeting on 9/11/2014
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The Ethics Advisory Board is a committee comprised of faculty and staff across TTU and TTUHSC. Most colleges, schools, administrative units (i.e., Provost) and representative bodies (i.e., Faculty Senate) were represented. The committee is chaired by Justin Louder and the TTU Ethics Center (<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ethics/>) is directed by Dr. Ralph Ferguson. The apparent role of the committee is to provide guidance and opinions to the Ethics Center personnel and to be informed of Ethics Center activities and goals. The Board had been dormant for approximately 2 years and this meeting represented the first convening in a while. Some members had served before, but most were new.

The primary discussion items for the meeting included: (1) Showing examples of TTU Ethics Center web content (Interview with Ambassador Tibor Nagy) and other Ethics Center activities geared toward improving ethical knowledge and actions on campus (2) Attempt to locate an ethics journal at TTU (3) Attempts to bring in prominent outside speakers for various ethics events (4) Develop and fund a student ethics team that would compete in the nation Ethics Bowl. The Ethics Bowl team discussion received the most attention. The general consensus of the board was that the suggested expenses were quite high (~\$65K/year) and that the Provost's office was unlikely to have that level of funding available. The Ethics Center has a budget, but would have to seek funding for support of this endeavor. The board requested that Ethics Center personnel produce more information on costs and benefits.

The next convening of the board is scheduled for 17 December, 2014