



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

# Minutes

## March 2, 2016

### Senate Room, SUB

Call to Order – 4:01 pm

#### Guest Speakers

Dr. Opperman, Interim President- transition has gone really well in part due to staff. He has familiarity with some of the issues. Presidential search committee has met, hired a consultant to help with the search. On Monday of next week there will be a website for recommendations and to get information about the search. Expectation for timeline would be middle of the summer at the soonest or the end of the year as the longest to name a new president. Board met last week for strategic planning. Admissions issues and decisions regarding research and budget. Enrollment issue: map out what the university will look like as we grow to 40,000 students. How does the physical and human infrastructure handle this amount of students? What has been projected: physical infrastructure can handle up to 42,000 students out to 2021. How much faculty and staff do we need to add to get us there? Faculty need to grow at the same rate as students, 20% increase needed. The money will be there to hire those faculty. CFO Sloan did a good job demonstrating that the cuts in 2011 are still in place. There are certain areas that need more staffing as the students grow. Budget discussion, legislative appropriation discussion. What will that look like with the oil/gas crisis? Higher education budget is discretionary, could see more cuts. Should not be as bad of a session as in 2011. Proceeding cautiously into next legislative session. Campus carry issue: he will be making recommendations this month based on the task force recommendations. Task force might have ended too soon. Working through the recommendations with the general counsel. Issue relating to offices and dorms, what can we do legally? Other issues are getting resolved fairly well. UT Austin included offices as exclusion, UNT and University of Houston did not. No questions raised.

Wes Condray, March for Babies- April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Prizes available for teams and individuals including athletic tickets, memorabilia, and a date night. Wes has buckets and signs available for departments.

#### Administrative Business

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Roll Call      Quorum: 36      Present: 37

Past Minutes (September, October, November, December, January, and February): Senator Floyd motioned, Senator Evola seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Senator Rodriguez not present.

#### New Business

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- Drawing for Presidential Lecture Series Marth Redbone Roots Project 3/4 at 7 PM.
- Baseball tickets reminder
- What's Happening in Your Neck of the Woods?
  - 1 million cups Wednesday at 9 AM at Innovation Hub for entrepreneurialism. 3 Day Start Up applications.
- Food pantry volunteer- SGA initiative for students and employees who need extra assistance with food. Need a volunteer to represent staff on the organization committee.
- Tech to Town- 4/9 need staff to lead and organize. Look at website and direct student organizations to volunteer.
- Senator Monticello and Senator Paulk met with Regent Lancaster: what do we want in a president? Adamant that someone who looks out for staff privately and publicly. Why don't president's stay? Chancellor will be getting a new office, maybe location will help. Need a president with a good fit, not using this as just a stepping stone. Regent Lancaster was taking notes and listening.



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Committee Reports

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**Staff Senate Committees:**

**Constitution & By-laws:** no chair. Need a chair.

**Elections/Nominations:** Nominations through April, website is updated. Find someone to fill your shoes if you are outgoing.

**Grievance:** Nothing new to report.

**Issues:** Nothing new to report. Haven't heard back about pedestrian vs traffic issue.

**Public Relations & Communication:** Tech Advantage on 5/24. Chairs not present. Meeting tomorrow AM. Have 26 vendors lined up. Will have polling stations at Tech Advantage.

**Scholarship:** Spring winners are on website. Summer deadline is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Technology:** nothing new to report.

**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:** see Dr. Opperman's notes.

**Traffic and Pedestrian Safety:** traffic and parking will restripe the campus with more expensive striping that will last longer. More signage. Putting a sign at entrances of campus to explain the rules: speed limit, pedestrians have right of way. Very selective about signage. Also changing lights to be brighter. Busses are rezoning drop off and pick-ups. Encouraging students and staff to use busses more. Will be adding 2 more blue safety lights.

**University Committees:**

**University Parking:** not present.

**Faculty Senate:** campus carry.

**Academic Council:** certificate programs on campus; 9/29 conference game on a Thursday. Will need to clear the campus.

**Provost Council:** strategic plan updates.

**President's Cabinet:** same as Dr. Opperman's updates.

NEO Reminders:

NEO Date	Senator 1	Senator 2
3/8/2016	Jennifer Chavira	Ambry Shepherd, Christy Rosson
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		



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<b>TEAM</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent / Event</b>	<b>Time / Result</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>
<b>MBB</b>	<b>3/5/2016</b>	<b>vs. Kansas State *</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. CT</b>	<b>Amy Richarte</b>

3/4/2016	Fri	vs. Cal State Fullerton	6:30 p.m. CT	7	Ike Flores
3/5/2016	Sat	vs. Cal State Fullerton	2:00 p.m. CT	8	Ashley Whisenant
3/6/2016	Sun	vs. Cal State Fullerton	12:30 p.m. CT	9	Ian Wilkinson
3/22/2016	Tue	vs. New Mexico	2:00 p.m. CT	10	OPEN
3/24/2016	Thur	vs. Oklahoma *	6:30 p.m. CT	11	Jerry Franco
3/25/2016	Fri	vs. Oklahoma *	6:30 p.m. CT	12	Rob Farrer
3/26/2016	Sat	vs. Oklahoma *	2:00 p.m. CT	13	James Whitfield
4/1/2016	Fri	vs. Kansas State *	6:30 p.m. CT	14	Linda Rodriguez
4/2/2016	Sat	vs. Kansas State *	2:00 p.m. CT	15	OPEN
4/3/2016	Sun	vs. Kansas State *	12:00 p.m. CT	16	OPEN
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 4:45 Senator Chadwell motioned to adjourn. Senator Carrizales seconded.