

Staff Assembly Meeting
(Approved Minutes)

May 2, 2017
Cox B & C Room
3:30 pm

Welcome and Remarks

- **Rodney** welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.
- April minutes were approved. Shelley Hulme made motion to approve and was seconded by Mary Jane Allred.

Guest: Chancellor Victor Boschini

Chancellor Boschini thanked all of the staff for their service. The Chancellor opened the door for questions. No one presented questions so he thanked everyone again and turned the meeting back over to Rodney.

Guest 2: Brian Gutierrez, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration

Brian gave a quick recap of the growth (no slideshow presentation). He focused on the Texas State Legislature that is in session. State institutions will experience a 10% decrease in funding from the state budget. State institutions will have a tuition freeze and more than likely have to cut services. TCU experienced growth adding 13 faculty positions and 22 staff positions. One reason he gave for our success was the welcoming environment that TCU promotes. No questions for Brian.

Announcements and Open Forum

Rodney introduced the 2 nominees for Chair Elect: Walter Betts and Greg Blackwell. Both gave a brief campaign speech and ballots were distributed. Wendy Bell and Mary Jane Allred ran unopposed for Elections Chair and Secretary respectively. Walter was elected as the new Chair Elect.

Tobacco Free Initiative was also voted on. Elections committee members passed out ballots. Results are TCU Staff Assembly members voted to support the Tobacco Free Campus Initiative.

2nd ballot item was distributed regarding the Personal Leave. Many members voiced differing views/opinions. This vote is ONLY a recommendation from Staff Assembly. The result is the elimination of the 2 hour Personal Leave policy. The policy now goes back to Human Resources and Administration.

Update on Staff Assembly Endowment Fund: Rodney gave the update regarding this project. The Endowment is moving forward. SA is working with Janine Krause to make sure the 'fine print' is legal and projects our mission. The Endowment will grant all TCU employees and their dependents a 'scholarship' to pay for their cap and gown at graduation. As the Endowment grows, the hope is to include framed diploma and possible contribute to the cost of a class ring. The hope is to have Staff Assembly Endowment Fund on next year's Annual Campaign.

Committee Reports

- College Resources- 200 participants for College Resource Night
- Committee on Committees- Zoranna reported that her committee members will meet in the next 2 weeks
- Community Service- Janet reported, Brown Bag event is scheduled for 5/19/17. Chancellor has granted 2 hour lunch period so that all can enjoy the CHILL OUT event.
- Elections- Wendy announced that emails will be sent to those recently elected to serve
- Marketing and Communications: No report
- Policy and Advocacy- No report.
- Professional Development- Mary Jane reported the Bystander Intervention had about 20 people attend each session. She thanked her committee for their hard work over the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28. Motioned by George Steen and was seconded by Zoranna Jones.