**Staff Assembly Meeting**(unapproved minutes)

**May 3, 2016**

**Cox A & B**

**3:30 pm**

**Welcome and Remarks**

* **Jay** welcomed all and called the meeting to order
* All members received a folio from Staff Assembly
* April minutes approved. Lori Stowe made motion to approve and was seconded by Audrey Crist

May is election time. Janet Martin ran unopposed for Secretary and Wendy Bell ran unopposed for Asst. Sec/Elections Chair. Jay introduced 3 nominees for Chair Elect. Walter Betts, Shawn Wagner and Greg Blackwell and they gave short introductions. Ballots were passed out for voting. Shawn Wagner was voted in as Chair Elect 2016-17.

**Guest: Chancellor Boschini**

* Gave updates on Commencements: 1850 graduating May 7, 2016 in 3 separate ceremonies.
* Chancellor commended the work that we do on staff assembly and thank us for our service to the University.
* Opened the floor for questions/comments but no one addressed him.

**Guest 2: Brian Gutierrez**

* Gave SA a financial update. He had a slide show of Peer Universities Costs/Fees/Tuition comparisons.
* Fall 2016 COA will be $42,580, an increase of 4.8%. Enrollment for undergraduate is 9,000. Residence Halls had a rate increase of 3%.
* Endowment payout increase of 2.3 million to 64.1 million
* Revenues: Tuition/fees $35.4 mil and athletics 7.6 mil
* Budget Assumptions: Merit pool increase of 3.5%, new positions: 24 Faculty & 27 Staff, 12% increase in Financial Aid, Emergence Strategic Initiative, Vision in Action, Academy of Tomorrow and new positions all have to be considered.
* The new medical school will have funding: Naming Gift, Philanthropy Support, Annual Giving and TCU Endowment.
* Expenses: Compensations/Benefits=$19 mil, Fin Aid=$18.3 mil, Operating Expenses=$9.9 mil

Q: How does undergrad flat rate and Graduate programs at hourly rate compare cost wise? Will the University look at Grad programs as a flat rate as well?

 A: Studies have shown that the hourly rate for Grad programs is too hard to maintain and not cost effective over the long run.

Q: Medical School tuition?

 A: The cost of the tuition will be around $51,000 per year. Chancellor and BOT is looking at ways to fund 1st year medical school students. The med school is not costing TCU any money in facilities.

**Guest 3: Todd Waldvogel**

* Todd gave insight on possible future plans for TCU. He started with the East Campus vision which might include closing the thru streets and making it pedestrian friendly. Discussion was made about planning a Music Annex but in reality, it will be too far removed from other Music/Education buildings.
* TomBrown/PeteWright and Administration buildings are under discussion for renovation or relocation. There is a possibility for Bellaire Drive to be closed from University to Stadium.
* Greek village construction will be under way. Renovating Sorority row and then moving on to Fraternity housing. There will be an additional Residence Hall constructed for sophomore housing.

Q: Will the crosswalk at Stadium and Bellaire change? Very dangerous.

 A: The traffic pattern has been studied. If Bellaire Drive is closed to thru traffic and lanes are narrowed on Stadium Drive, this will minimize the problem of student crossings.

Q: What about the difficult crosswalk at the BLUU?

 A: The crosswalk will change in June to a single crosswalk and Frog Alley Drive will be shortened.

**Committee Reports**

* College Resources- Matt gave update. Mid-June they will host a writing essay workshop.
* Elections- Wendy Bell-working on filling the openings and getting the ‘Welcome’ emails out.
* Committee on Committees- Zoranna Jones- Committee will meet on May 9th to make selections to University committees.
* Community Service-Stephanie Key said that the baseball game was a big success.
* Policy and Advocacy-Terence has nothing to report.
* Professional Development-Katherine said that the spring event “Know your Benefits…” was a success. Matt gave the presentations-1 to Physical Plant and 1 to general Staff.
* Marketing and Communications-Liz is getting Orientation packets ready

**Announcements and Open Forum**

Meeting adjourned at 4:48. Motioned by Walter Betts and seconded by Lori Stowe.