

**TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES  
SPRING MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2017  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Jim Woosley due to the absence of President Dana Cooper. Present were faculty senate members from twenty-six colleges and universities. Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, also attended.

The minutes of the October 29, 2016 meeting were presented and read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Alba Ortiz, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's financial report. As of February 21, there was \$10,732.97 in the Bank of America checking account. After the Spring Meeting, Dr. Ortiz and Sharon Grimm opened a savings account at the Bank of America with the proceeds from the Vanguard account. At the time of the Spring Meeting, there is \$26,010.77 in the savings account. Considering payments projected over the following 60 days, the net worth of TCFS was expected to be \$29,843.74. The income for the fiscal year was estimated to be \$20,200.00. The amount raised prior to the meeting was \$13,826.00. If five (5) institutions paid outstanding dues and registration fees are collected from 40 attendees at the Spring meeting, then the budget goal for the year will be met. The expense budget for the year was \$18,285.00 and \$7,763.25 has been spent to date. Estimating expenses for the meeting and other activities, expenses for the year should be within the budget. No big budget issues were expected to surface during the rest of the fiscal year.

A question from the floor inquired about the payments of annual dues by the institutions. Dr. Ortiz indicated that if payments were not made, second invoices were issued on outstanding amounts. It was noted that the introduction of the PayPal option has helped to make collections.

It was noted that the dues had been increased by \$50.00, which was the first increase since 1996. There have been no objections. The increase was necessitated by the increasing hotel expenses for the two meetings each year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report. It was approved by a voice vote.

Treasurer Ortiz summarized the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. There was no proposed increase in funds. There were no substantial changes in the budget, but some funds were moved to better represent potential expenses. The Executive Committee normally had a budget of \$1,000.00, but was reduced to \$600.00. The committee expenses are usually for conference calls and costs of recognition of retiring members for plaques and awards. The meeting expenses were raised from \$10,000.00 to \$11,000.00. The estimated bank charges were doubled to \$600 because PayPal

charges are now included in this line item. The total budget for the coming fiscal year is to be \$19,185.00.

A discussion arose over the issue of getting the university systems to sponsor TCFS activities such as the banquet and other meeting expenses. It was decided that President Jim Woosley will pursue this prospect with the university systems. The group discussed perhaps using a tiered approach to the annual dues with the larger institutions paying a higher fee. Dr. Ortiz stated that the dues should not be raised unless trouble arises. As a non-profit entity, TCFS operates on a relatively tight budget, but it does have cushion in the savings accumulated.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget for the following fiscal year. It was approved on a voice vote.

President Woosley informed the group that elections for two regional vice presidents were required according to the Constitution and By-Laws for the spring meeting. The open positions were for the South Central and Eastern Regions. Dr. Bobbette Morgan, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley, had been nominated for the South Central Region. The Eastern Region being open, President Woosley proposed Dr. Wynne Chin, University of Houston, for this position. The floor was opened for further nominations and discussion. A motion was made to close nominations, seconded, and approved. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be approved. The elections of Dr. Morgan and Dr. Chin were unanimously approved.

Under old business, Dr. Trevor Hale, University of Houston – Downtown, discussed the outreach to Oklahoma universities about coordinating similar activities to those of TCFS in their state. No response was received. It was decided to continue to pursue this effort and include Arkansas and Louisiana state institutions. It was noted that surrounding states do not have an entity comparable to TCFS. Size and the number of university systems are unique to Texas in this area. East and west coast states have entities like TCFS.

Under new business, the group discussed the development of a statement addressing support for students and faculty from diverse countries. Some the TCFS universities have adopted their own formal statements or comments. The intent was to address the free movement of individuals. It was decided that draft resolutions based on the different university statements be forwarded to Ms. Grimm. The Executive Committee will then develop a resolution for TCFS which will be communicated to various press organizations. A motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee develop such a resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Joseph Velasco, Vice President – West Region, reported on the formation of possible panels for future TCFS meetings. The proposed panels were

- Immigration/Refugee Policy
- Faculty Overload Policy & Law
- Budget Oversight
- Post Tenure services
- Legislative Liaison for the University Systems.

The next meeting will be the Fall Meeting to be held at the Embassy Suites on October 27–28, 2017.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Grimm

# TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES

## IMMIGRATION RESOLUTION

Whereas,

The Texas Council of Faculty Senates represents more than thirty-nine institutions of higher education in the State of Texas.

Whereas,

Our universities depend on the free flow of ideas and people.

Whereas,

We strengthen our institutions by welcoming students and scholars with diverse perspectives from around the world who are willing to engage in open-minded inquiry and debate.

Whereas,

Our academic excellence comes from cooperation, collaboration and inclusivity.

Whereas,

American colleges and universities must accelerate efforts to attract, nurture and sustain more racially, ethnically, socially, culturally and geographically diverse faculty, staff, and student bodies.

THEREFORE,

The Texas Council of Faculty Senates opposes any restrictions, in any form, that categorically denies individuals the ability to study, teach or engage in research based on their race, religion, immigration status, nation of origin or any other such personal or social characteristic that is not relevant to their ability to participate in higher education communities.

Texas Council of Faculty Senates  
Treasurer's Report  
September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017

<b>Assets</b>						
Checking Account as of August 31, 2017			\$3,103.78			\$5,500
Savings Account as of August 31, 2017			\$26,013.79			\$1,500
<b>Total</b>			\$29,117.57			\$7,000
<b>Net Worth</b>			<b>\$22,117.57</b>			
	<b>Projected</b>				<b>Remaining</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>		<b>As of 8/31/17</b>			
Dues (32 institutions X \$350)	\$11,200.00		\$11,029.10		-\$170.90	
Registration (\$75 X 50 X 2 meetings)	\$7,500.00		\$7,325.00		-\$175.00	
Miscellaneous (TACT/AAUP)	\$1,500.00		\$1,601.25		\$101.25	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,200.00</b>		<b>\$19,955.35</b>		<b>-\$244.65</b>	
	<b>PROJECTED</b>		<b>As of 8/31/17</b>		<b>Remaining</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Post Office	\$260.00		\$232.00		\$28.00	
Supplies	\$425.00		\$454.11		-\$29.11	
Website/Internet	\$300.00		\$359.04		-\$59.04	
Secretary	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00		\$0.00	
Executive Committee	\$1,000.00		\$96.16		\$903.84	
Annual Meetings	\$10,000.00		\$10,682.05		-\$682.05	
Miscellaneous (bank charges, recognitions; Pay Pal)	\$300.00		\$319.08		-\$19.08	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,285.00</b>		<b>\$18,142.44</b>		<b>\$142.56</b>	