

TEXAS COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATES
BUSINESS MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2018
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by the President, James Woosley. Present were faculty members from 30 campuses. Sharon Grimm, Executive Secretary, also attended.

The minutes for the previous Fall 2017 Meeting were submitted for discussion. They were approved on a unanimous voice vote with the requirement to change an incorrect date in the text.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted and presented by Dr. Alba Ortiz, The TCFS Treasurer. She discussed the details of the financials and the status versus the budget. The organization is operating within the budget and has had no major unforeseen expenses. She stressed the need to have timely dues payments because collections of dues are complicated by the changes in leadership at individual senates at the start of each school and fiscal year.

During the Treasurer's Report, James Woosley joined Alba Ortiz in reporting on the new development of contributions from the State's university systems. Previously, it had been decided to approach the university systems to secure contributions of \$5,000.00 each to help improve TCFS operations and establish higher goals such as having higher value panels at meetings. President Woosley approached the six university systems in Texas, and, at the time of the meeting, had received responses from four systems. The contributing systems are Texas A&M University, the University of Houston, and the Texas State System.

Without further discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer also asked that a budget for the coming year be approved. Previously, budgets are approved at the fall meeting after the fiscal year has begun, but the Treasurer advocated that the budget be approved in the spring so that it will be in effect when the new fiscal year begins. Since expenses have remained relatively constant, the Treasurer recommended that the budget for the coming fiscal year be the same as for the present year. The budget was approved on a unanimous voice vote,

Elections were held for new and open terms on the Executive Committee. Elections were required for President Elect and two regional Vice Presidents. The President Elect

serves for one year to overlap with the outgoing President. Terms for the Vice Presidents are for two years.

The first position was for President Elect. The name of Dr. Wynne Chin had been put forward. President Woosley asked for additional nominations, but none were forthcoming. The election of Dr. Chin was approved by acclamation on a voice vote.

Dr. Chin had been the Vice President for the East Region, but his election to President Elect left open the one year remaining as Vice President. The name of Trevor Hale was put forward for the position. President Woosley called additional nominations, but none were forthcoming. The election of Dr. Hale was approved by acclamation on a voice vote. Dr. Hale will serve the term for one year when a new election for the position will be held.

The term for the West Region Vice President position was expiring and required an election for a new two-year term. Dr. Joey Velasco, who served the expiring term, expressed an interest in continuing in that position. There were no other volunteers or nominations. Dr. Velasco was elected by acclamation on a voice vote.

The Northeast Region Vice President position was also open. Dr. Ludovic Sourdout, who was in that position, also expressed an interest in continuing in that position. There were no other volunteers or nominations. Dr. Sourdout was elected Northeast Region Vice President by acclamation on a voice vote.

The meeting proceeded to consideration of a proposed resolution regarding the status of DACA students at the universities. Having unanimous appeal, considerable discussions were devoted to the appropriate language and the need to have as wide a dispersal of the resolution as possible. The following resolution was approved by acclamation on a voice vote. The resolution is as follows:

DACA SUPPORT

**The members of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates remain
Committed to serve their students regardless of national origin.
We recommend that all students in the United States of America
Under the provisions of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
(DACA) be provided a pathway to citizenship by legislation**

After approval of the resolution, the secretary was directed to send a copy of the resolution to all the institutional faculty senates within TCFS. Each senate was to further distribute the resolution as seen fit. These actions were subsequently taken.

With all business concluded, President Woosley called for a motion to adjourn, which was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 AM.

Sharon Grimm

Executive Secretary