

**Staff Advisory Committee**  
**September 18, 2017**

**Members Present:** Sherri Allen, Anna DeBord, Barbara Fenlon, Patrena Hicks, Jerry Keeton (Chair), Randal McCloud, Toni Nelson, Alan Robbins, Sharon Stevenson, Emily Vaughn

**Others Present:** Thomas Heard, Liz Kassera, Logan McCormick, President Phil Oldham, Terri Taylor

Chairman Keeton called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. in the Tech Pride room of the Roaden University Center. He extending a welcome to all in attendance and asked the 2017 SAC members present to introduce themselves. Upon conclusion of the introductions, Chairman Keeton advised the first order of business was to present the non-faculty grievance pool for approval. Liz Kassera motioned to approve and Toni Nelson seconded. The motion was APPROVED. Chairman Keeton then introduced President Oldham to address those in attendance.

**Presentation of Service Pins**

President Oldham requested to award service pins first before providing his comments. Those receiving service-pins represented a combined 585 years of service to the university. Recipients were as follows:

<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>15 Years</b>
Clifford Goodwin	Amy Foster	Marie Tucker

## **President's Comments**

President Oldham advised the fall semester is off to a great start with lots of energy and progress visible across our campus. Beginning with the RUC expansion project currently underway. Over the next year, we will see a tremendous change in how the RUC serves students. With the approximately 11,500 additional square feet, the students will have provide more outdoor seating and larger student lounge areas.

President Oldham also stated enrolment was initially projected to be down this year, but is looking up. A census is going on now to confirm the enrollment numbers. With one of the largest graduating classes on record last year, it is important to enroll new students and assist them in

to them. Send your ideas and feedback to them via the committee website:  
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President Oldham has charged the committee to find ways to focus on how to serve others during a time of rapid technological change. In the highly competitive market of higher education, we want to create opportunities to distinguish us from other universities and provide experiences only TTU will be able to offer. The goal is to present a strategic plan to the Board of Trustees in mid to late spring semester. This concluded the President's comm