

TTU Faculty Senate Business Meeting
February 5, 2018

passed has made the President more aware of the situation. The President indicated that it was appropriate for the letter to Congresswoman Diane Black to come from the President of the University. Dr. Soni is not involved with the investigation. Tom Brewer is not being suspended, to do before the investigations are completed. The presence on campus will hinder the internal investigation, as all activity with Fitzgerald has been put on hold. President Oldham is now out of it until after the investigations are complete. Only Dr. Huo and Senate President Killman are involved in the process at this time. We need to be patient for the process.

A memo was forwarded by email to Senators today from several in the College of Engineering Department with a summary and general timeline of this research project. The study process and ethics will be investigated by the committee, and not the individuals. Next, Dr. Huo and Senate President Killman will meet with Dr. Hoy. It is important that the people involved deserve due process and privacy, so we need to be patient. A report is due within 60 days of an Inquiry Committee being appointed. There was a question as to whether Mr. Brewer has the credentials to be Director of the Water Center, as well as the PI on the Fitzgerald Glider Kits research study. There will be a formal inquiry followed by an investigation. Dr. Huo is leading the investigation about the general misconduct issue, not the engineering part of it. Dr. Soni is having to recuse himself. Senator Ballou questioned the peer-review process of the investigation. How will this be conducted, and will they see the data, or just the study itself? We may want to revise the policy about this. Huddleston said any retraction of results would be premature, but it would be responsible to let stakeholders (Fitzgerald, EPA, and Congresswoman Black) aware of the inquiry and investigation. The memo from engineering colleagues is considered public, and may be shared.

Other Such Matters

Conference Room for Thursday, February 8, 2018 for a 4:00 PM for discussion of the five Provost candidates.