

March 8, 2021

Submitted by K. Craven

Members Present:

Stephanie Adams, Douglas Airhart, Dan Allcott, Michael Allen, Jeremy Blair, Troy Brachey, Chris Brown, Debra Bryant, Wei Tsun Chang, Kris Craven, Dennis Duncan, Mary Lou Fornehed, David Hajdik, Tammy Howard, Janet Isbell, Brian Jones, Christy Killman, Nancy Kolodziej, David Larimore, Emily Lee, Chad Luke, Ann Manginelli, Lori Maxwell, Jennifer Meadows, Holly Mills, Lachelle Norris, Linda Null, Brian O'Connor, Anthony Paradis, Sally Pardue, Richard Rand, Jeff Roberts, Mike Rogers, Sandra Smith-Andrews, Troy Smith, Barry Stein, Daniel Swartling, Lenly Weathers, Robert Wilbanks, Zac Wilcox, Kimberly Winkle, Russ Witcher, Jeannette Wolak

Members Absent:

Yun Ding, Steven Frye, Matt Langford, Susan Laningham, Mark Melichar, Joseph Ojo, Lee Ann Shipley, Holly Stretz

Guests Present:

Lee Wray

Call to Order

Call to order 3:35 p.m.

President Oldham began his remarks discussing the Board

cases and the sources of spread of the virus remained off-

housing, a fair amount from campus dining services, enrollment dollars, FTE was down (more on graduate than undergraduate), and athletics income lost for fall sports. \$4.3M must be passed directly to students and those payments are getting out now. There is more money expected to be approved by the Congress, but no one knows what the guidelines will be for this. We must follow the guidelines.

Question: Another question from the e-mail – Are there external searches for the CITL Director and Associate Provost positions?

Response: Yes, but I am not aware of the specific time frame.

Question: There has been some discussion about supporting student athletes kneeling during the National Anthem to express their support of the current issues. What are your thoughts?

Response: I have not received any letters about this from athletes and it has not really occupied any of my time. I have met with the coaches and staff and I give credit to Mark Wilson and Dr. Owens for doing a great job working with the students. It is important to listen to the issues and concerns and allow them a voice and platform to be heard. We have not had any incidents of kneeling during the anthem that I know of. Personally, I don't believe that it is constitutional. Chief of Staff Wray mentioned a press release and a student group that sent a letter to some recipients. President Oldham continued saying that he has read the letter and found it mature and respectable. There has also been a meeting with some students and the TTU Police Department. They discussed what it is like to be a police officer, what to expect if you are in a situation with law enforcement. The result was positive feedback and a better relationship was formed with those in attendance. The goal is to be honest and supportive of all students, to listen and communicate. I certainly don't want to do or say anything that would make things worse, I don't have all of the answers.

Question: Another e-mail question – What is the situation with the Title IX and Cleary Act changes? Have they made it through the Councils?

and are interested in ideas to mitigate the effect, not sure if they can. We have very little control or advanced notice. I wouldn't be surprised if it happens again.

There was additional discussion regarding the changes and improvements happening on campus. This included updates on the new Engineering Building, grounds beautification (trees, memorials, green spaces, water features), and the replacement of the copula on top of Derryberry Hall

Adjourned 4:58p.m.

Approved: March 22, 2021