

Staff Advisory Committee

November 1, 2018

Members Present: Sherri Allen, Jill DeBord, Barbara Fenlon (Vice Chair), Randal McCloud, Kim Meredith, Paul Miller, Alan Robbins, Sharon Stevenson (Chair), Cheryl Sullivan, Emily Vaughn

Others Present: Libby Gays (for Leslie Crickenberger), President Phil Oldham, Carson Cook

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room of Derryberry Hall, and welcomed the committee members. A motion to approve the previous SAC meeting's minutes was made by Jill DeBord, and seconded by Paul Miller.

President's Comments:

President Phil Oldham began his comments with an overview primarily pertaining to state university funding, which accounts for roughly 30% of TTU's operating budget (the other 70% comes from tuition). THEC uses an Outcomes Based Funding Formula to recommend allocations for University funding for institutions across the state. After their fall quarterly meeting, they release funding recommendations to the Governor, who ultimately will pass the budget and recommendations on to Legislation. In recent years, the state has fully funded THEC's recommendations. We are expected to pick up an additional \$3 million in state funding this year, per THEC's recommendation (a 6.5% increase from last year).

After proposing our new engineering building to THEC, President Oldham was pleased to announce that this project has a priority rank of #4 on THEC's Capital Outlay Recommendation list. Also recommended is approximately \$7.7 million in capital maintenance funding.

With the conclusion of President Oldham's comments, various questions were asked pertaining to construction on campus (completion dates, safety updates, etc.), and the President reassured that the current construction projects are on schedule. Concerns for student safety, specifically dangerous areas for street crossing, were brought up, and the President made clear that the concerns were being addressed.

Other Such Matters:

There were no such other matters, and the motion to adjourn was made by Jill DeBord and seconded by Paul Miller. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Carson Cook, Recorder