

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 18, 2004

<u>Division</u>	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
President	Richard Rice	
Past-President		Marvin Ernst
At-Large	Neal Coulter, Stephen Kuhn, Jim Henry, Greg O’Dea, Jonathan McNair, Claire McCullough	
Adjunct		Tim Parker
Behavioral	Fritz Efaw	David Brodsky, Rich Metzger
Business	Rich Allen, Chris Brockman P. Dileepan, Obasi Haki-Akan	
Engineering	Joe Dumas, Jim Hiestand,	Rick Keyser, Roger Briley
Fine Arts	Matt Greenwell, Stacy Ray Gavin Townsend	
CHEPS	Ann Johnson, , Nicholas Boer, Robin Lee Burch Oglesby, Randy Walker	Ted Miller
Humanities	Vicki Steinberg, , Talia Welsh, Chuck Lippy	Elizabeth Gailey, Joseph Wilferth
Library		Priscilla Seaman
Math & Science	Bob Marlowe, Linda Collins, Henry Spratt David Ashe, Gretchen Potts	
Ex-Officio	David Pittenger, Theresa Liedtka	

Among the Guests Present: Herb Burhenn, Chuck Cantrell, Amy Ford (student), Aaron Deimling (student), Harriet Neely, Cindy White, Deborah Parker, Boris Belinskiy, Marc Loizeaux, Ed Rozema, Richard Casavant, Mo Ahmadi, Meg Kiessling, John Graff, Peter Graves, Larry Etkin and Karen Adsit

SUMMARY

Curriculum Committee: Three courses were approved – BMGT 456, ANTH/PSYCH 360, and CHEM 486; one course was not approved – BMGT 200.

Graduate Council: Senate approved Doctoral Degree Programs Policies and Procedures.

Student Email: Students will be taught how to manage email accounts at orientation to avoid problems with forwarding information to other addresses.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by President Rice.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Stephen Kuhn moved and Bob Marlowe seconded the approval of the Faculty Senate minutes of October 21, 2004. The minutes were approved without change.

3. Report from the Executive Committee

- a. The last Senate meeting of fall semester will be Dec. 2, 2004.
- b. Compensation Outside Services: President Rice indicated that the proposed policy on Compensated Outside Services will be on the agenda of the next meeting. The UTK Senate has passed a policy and we are being asked to consider it. The proposed policy will be emailed to members before the meeting.
- c. Proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook Regarding Non-tenure Track Faculty: President Rice noted that he has received a memo from Provost Friedl, dated November 10, 2004, concerning proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook regarding non-tenure track faculty. This information will be forwarded to the Part-Time Faculty Committee and the Handbook Committee for further consideration.
- d. Academic Affairs 3-year Budget. President Rice asked for comments on the proposed 3-year budget for Academic Affairs that was distributed across campus by Provost Friedl. There were no comments.

4. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Senators expressed concern that the cover sheets for proposed curriculum changes were being distributed electronically without all signatures appearing and without the vote of the Curriculum Committee. After discussion, Chairman Oglesby indicated that he would distribute the vote of the committee and a summary of committee discussion along with each proposal in the future.

Chairman Oglesby presented the following list of courses for consideration by the Senate:

BMGT 456, ANTH 360.PSYCH 360, and CHEM 486 – all passed committee unanimously; BMGT 200 – passed committee by a vote of 4-3-3.

Gretchen Potts asked for division to consider BMGT 200 separately; the motion was seconded by Steve Kuhn and passed.

BMGT 456, ANTH 360.PSYCH 360, and CHEM 486 – all passed by the Senate by a vote of 26-0.

Discussion about BMGT 200: A number of comments and questions were offered by members and guests (faculty and students) from the College of Business and the Department of Mathematics. Issues discussed included questions about whether the proposed course was a duplication of Math 136; whether the proposed course was teaching math theory or application of information for Business majors; and whether this new course would adversely affect other departments. Dr. Ahmadi argued that the proposed course

would strengthen the application of mathematics principles and is not a duplication of Math 136. Business students added that the math courses do not teach business application and they supported developing a course that strengthens their program of study. Dr. Graef argued that the Mathematics Department is willing to revise MA 136 to make it more valuable to Business students, but they have not been asked to do so. Dr. Graef indicated that there are 185 students currently enrolled in MA 136, of whom 104 (56%) are Business majors. A decrease of this number of students would affect the number of sections of Math 136 that are currently offered.

Members of the Senate also voiced concern that not all courses should be taught with application as the primary concern. In particular, MA 136 is a general education course and one purpose of general education courses is to help students attain a broad education.

The motion to approve BMGT 200 failed by a vote of 9/16/1. President Rice suggested that the Business faculty work with the Mathematics faculty to resolve their issues.

5. Graduate Council Doctoral Degree Programs Policies and Procedures

Dr. Deborah Arfken reported that this document passed the Graduate Council on two readings with unanimous votes. Dr. Arfken added one editorial change to the document on pages 11, line 27 and page 15, line 24: add the UTC Animal Care Committee. A question was asked concerning whether the doctoral programs at UTC have a language requirement. Dr. Arfken responded with “No”. A member of the Senate suggested that a change was needed on page 7, line 25, making the sentence read, “The student must earn **at least** a 3.0 grade point average....” Dr. Arfken agreed.

Greg O’Dea moved that the proposal be approved as revised; Linda Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. SGA Faculty Profiles

President Rice asked that consideration of this item be postponed as the president of the SGA could not attend this meeting. Fritz Efaw suggested that the SGA review their proposal, as the Senate had considered a similar proposal last academic year.

7. Administrative Reports – None offered.

8. Other Business

- a. President Rice read the following statements from the address of UTK Senate President Candace White to the UT Board Trustees meeting this month: “The four of us (Senate presidents from Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, and Martin) have worked together closely this year. We communicate frequently with one another, and recently presented a joint resolution to all four faculty senates. The Faculty Senates in Knoxville, Martin and Chattanooga urge you to address faculty salaries that remain lower than those of our peer institutions, and to decrease the disparity between administrator and faculty

compensation trends. We're concerned about the growing reliance on part-time and contingent faculty, rather than restoring and increasing tenure-stream faculty lines.”

- b. Gretchen Potts expressed concern that students appear to be forwarding their UTC email accounts to other email addresses, and subsequently are not receiving important messages from faculty and others on campus. Dr. Potts asked the Senate to consider limiting students' ability to forward their email to other addresses, forcing them to use their UTC account for UTC business. Chuck Cantrell and Karen Adsit, speaking for the IT Council, indicated that this has repeatedly been an issue for the Council, but they do not know how to resolve the problem. They plan to discuss this concern at their next meeting in early December. Dileepan argued that the way to address the problem is to educate students on how to properly use their email accounts, asking them to frequently check their email. After further discussion, Dr. Potts offered the following motion: When students arrive at orientation, any forwarding on their UTC email account should be removed. Also, at that time, students should be taught how to set up a new forward, if desired. The motion was seconded by Jim Hiestand and was passed by the Senate with a voice vote.
- c. President Rice indicated that Pat Kopetz, chair of the Part-time Faculty Committee, has suggested a name change for the committee. This item will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

9. Faculty Concerns

Linda Collins indicated that the City of Chattanooga is no longer considering re-opening Vine Street to traffic, largely due to letters written from University faculty and staff.

10. Announcements – none offered.

11. Adjournment

The Senate adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted,
Randy Walker
Acting Faculty Senate Secretary