

APPENDIX A: Statement made by Bill Harman at the Faculty Senate Meeting on 11/02/06

Pay back scholarship money? Credit for courses?

I. Training educated leaders is important in our armed forces.

II. Constructing a training program at UTC based on discrimination, prejudice, and overt exclusion of gay students is to build into our curriculum injustice and bigotry.

A. 4 to 10% of all students on this campus would be essentially ineligible to benefit from the opportunities of this program and from the considerable scholarship money participation in the program carries with it.

B. Some will say Gays can participate: "Don't Ask; don't tell."

-This policy essentially says that a) to the extent you are willing to lie, dissimulate, and hide who you are, you are worthy to be a part of this UTC program.

b) the policy subjects students to blackmail: at any point in their ROTC studies, someone could betray them, thus unleashing the ROTC bureaucracy to investigate and to expel a student for who he or she is.

c) The policy encourages witch hunts, as best demonstrated by the fact that since it has been in force more Gays have been hunted down and thrown out of the military than in the previous 30 years.

III. Some say that gays in the military compromises military effectiveness. If this is true, having women in the military would be similarly corrosive. That doesn't seem to be a problem. Italy, Canada, France, Great Britain, and Australia are all countries who do not discriminate this way against Gays, and the reports indicate that the effectiveness of the armed forces in each of these countries has not been adversely affected.

IV. The question: do we, as an institution, wish to support this kind of persecution and discrimination? Is this what we want to model in our education system? Asked otherwise, does this university wish to confirm the growing national perception that Tennessee is voluntarily assuming the role of southern bigotry so recently ceded to us by Georgia and Alabama?

Recruiting? We don't need more students.

Appeals to Hamilton County students? We need a more geographically diverse constituency as a liberal arts institute.

Stipulation in Catalogue under ROTC listings: anyone identifying himself or herself as homosexual will not be admitted to the program. Anyone discovered to be homosexual while participating in the program will be expelled from the program. (Will that person have to repay scholarship aid?)