

Faculty Senate Minutes
Signal Mountain Room, University Center, 3:10 p.m.
October 19, 2006

The minutes can also be found at: <http://www.utc.edu/FacultySenate/minutes.php>

<u>Division</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
President	Gavin Townsend	
Past-President	Richard Rice	
At-Large	Cheryl Robinson, Jim Hiestand, Joanie Sompayrac, Michelle White, and Judith Wakim	Randy Walker
Adjunct	Jean Howard-Hill	
Behavioral Sciences	Fritz Efaw	Helen Eigenberg, Lyn Miles, and Shela Van Ness
Business Adm.	Debbie Archambeault, Beni Asllani, Chris Brockman and Diane Halstead	
Eng & Comp Sci	Claire McCullough and Ignatius Formunung	Roger Briley and Kathy Winters
Fine Arts	Stuart Benkert	Mac Smotherman and Jillian Zwilling
CHEPS	Michelle Vineyard and John Freeman	Linda Johnston, Dolly Gerregano, Kay Lindgren and Dana Wertenberger
Humanities	Rebecca Jones, Joe Wilferth, Felicia Sturzer and Matthew Guy	
Library		Jason Griffey and Mike Bell
Math and Sciences	Bob Marlowe, Peggy Kovach and Manuel Santiago	Sharon Brueggeman and Betsy Darken and
Ex-Officio	Roger Brown, David Pittenger, Jocelyn Sanders and Theresa Liedtka	Herb Burhenn, Richard Brown and Hugh Prevost

Among the guests present: Deborah Parker, Chuck Cantrell and Yvonne Kilpatrick

Summary: The senate voted to change the definition of voting membership in Section 2.2.5 of the Faculty Handbook.

1. **Call to Order:** President Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. **Approval of minutes from October 5, 2006**

Two name corrections (Marlowe and Asllani). Change “three” to “10” under number 4. Remove parenthetical comment from number 4. Change “have” to “has” in Appendix A, Question B. Minutes approved by voice vote with above changes.

http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Archives/2000_2010Archives/2006_07/2006_07Minutes/2006Minutes_1005.pdf

3. Report from Executive Committee

The Senate is trying to gather together a list of all university ad hoc committees. The list will be posted on the faculty senate website when it is complete. If there are ad hoc committees that aren't listed on the website, please contact Joanie Sompayrac.

4. Faculty Handbook Committee – Voting Membership

This semester, Joe Wilferth is mainly working on the undergraduate catalog. But, the committee has worked on a new definition of the voting membership in section 2.2.5 of the Faculty Handbook. The revision changes the

language of the last paragraph to “Voting privileges in faculty meetings are held by individuals who have full-time appointment with faculty rank”. Bob Marlowe asked about adjunct faculty. They do not have full-time faculty status and do not currently have voting status. Jean Howard-Hill indicated there is no distinction between full-time faculty and adjunct faculty member on the course schedule. This could be a different issue. Felicia Sturzer indicated that full-time faculty have many more commitments than adjunct faculty. Joanie Sompayrac pointed out that nothing in this language prohibits adjuncts from voting or participating at the departmental level, and that this language does not affect the adjunct faculty. Richard Rice reminded us that an administrator can “trump” issues that the faculty senate and full faculty support; really there is no major change. President Townsend indicated that it changes the quorum from 408 to about 420. Fritz Efaw asked about lecturers and instructors. The language includes these people as voting faculty. Voice vote on handbook language passed with one opposition and one abstention. Motion passed.

http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Archives/2000_2010Archives/2006_07/2006_07Attachments/2006FacultyHandbook_VotingMembership.pdf

5. Administrative Reports

Chancellor Brown thanked all who participated in the Chancellor’s Challenge. It was very successful. Special thanks to the physical therapy department for their help. The provost search has been launched and there will be many opportunities to get involved. The search for the vice-chancellor for student development is beginning; the committee is still being formed. The strategic planning process will begin soon. Fritz Efaw wanted to know why the administration ignored the advice from the faculty senate to address COLA before merit pay. Chancellor Brown says it wasn’t ignored and he has voiced many times to President Peterson that COLA should be important. \$400,000 has been proposed to be added for permanent faculty salaries. This proposal went to the Board of Trustees. The money is aimed at historical inequities, including compression. Richard Rice has spoken with trustees about the issue, which is a big morale issue. Chancellor Brown has told President Petersen that splitting the allocated funds is a morale issue. Fritz Efaw wondered why other state employees received 3% raise along with \$21 million in compression issues. Chancellor Brown did not know that the legislature would have two levels.

6. Other Business: None

7. Faculty Concerns: None

8. Announcements: None

9. Adjournment: Motion made by Joanie Sompayrac to adjourn, voice vote, passed unanimously at 3:50 p.m.