

Faculty Senate Minutes
Signal Mountain Room, University Center, 3:10 p.m.
November 2, 2006

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

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

Among the guests present: Chuck Cantrell, Terry Denniston, Linda Orth, Bob Swansbrough

Summary: The Senate voted the approval of curriculum proposals from Criminal Justice, Health and Human Performance, Math, Nursing, and Women's Studies. 28-0-0

The Senate also approved a proposal for reestablishing ROTC on the campus. 21-7-0

Call to Order: President Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. and demonstrated the new voting iclicker to the Senate with a series of test questions. The electronic voting process worked.

1. Approval of minutes from October 19, 2006

There was clarification on page 2, paragraph one of the minutes, of full faculty count required for a quorum, 219, at a full faculty meeting. The corrections noted, minutes from the October 19 meeting were passed with a voice vote.

2. Report from Executive Committee

None

3. Curriculum Committee

Dr. Hutchinson, having a number of proposals from Curriculum Committee, suggested they be presented, in two parts, separating the ROTC proposal from the other curricula matters. The Senate was informed the proposal from Criminal Justice covered two proposals.

- i. Clarification of NC as Failing Grade in SON
- ii. Delete prerequisite for WSTU 200
- iii. Add prerequisite for WSTU 310
- iv. Renumber WSTU 310 as 481
- v. Add prerequisite for WSTU 455r
- vi. Add New Course, Math 446: Partial Differential Equations
- vii. Expand choices for the math requirement for HHP
- viii. Revisions in CRMJ/LAS Majors/Minors

There were a few questions about the different proposals. Dr. Hiestand asked about the possibility of a medical withdrawal from Nursing, if students who by no fault of their own, would be allowed to take an I. Dr. Lindgren explained the limitations of the clinical schedule but assured the Senate students would not be unduly penalized if there was a legitimate need for withdrawal. Dr. Hiestand asked for additional clarification of the new course in Math. Dr. Brueggeman said that while differential equations are covered in some classes there was not a course on partial differential equations. There were questions about the prerequisite of English 121 for WSTU 455r but not the other classes. It was explained this requirement would catch students who had transferred in who had not taken English 121 as a general education requirement. Dr. Darken expressed her concern about upper division classes requiring a significant amount of writing that did not specify English 121 as a prerequisite. The motion to accept these proposals passed 28-0-0.

Faculty Senate then took up the proposal to reestablish ROTC on this campus. Dr. Hutchinson yielded the floor to Dr. Bob Swansbrough who reported on the proposal. This is a proposal where ROTC would be reintroduced to UTC by being a satellite program out of UTK until the program reaches a critical mass of students. According to Dr. Swansbrough, they are hopeful of a fall 2007 start date with a spring 2007 recruitment season. There is strong community support for the program. The commander of the regional Jr ROTC has indicated UTC would be the school of choice for many of the current participants if the opportunity was afforded to them. Currently there are 31 higher education institutions in TN offering ROTC, many of them representing more than one branch of service. There were many areas of concern including cost factors, adequacy of curriculum, violation of the 120 hour rule, and discrimination.

Dr. Sturzer expressed her concern about the funding and equity issues. Dr. Swansbrough suggested scholarships would be sought in the community to cover the student related costs of the program. Housing scholarships would be paid as well as the participation scholarship. The army picks up the instructional costs. UTC would be responsible for clerical and student worker costs if sufficient support for scholarships is found. Drs. Miles and VanNess expressed dismay at the curriculum, particularly noting weakness in the sample of leaders to be examined in the case study. Dr. Swansbrough and the Commander spoke to the breath of study provided in a bachelors' degree. In fact, they suggested that one of the reasons a university should want ROTC on the campus was the ability to broaden the scope of understanding for a commissioned officer.

Dr. Hiestand inquired about the violation of the 120 rule. Since it is not a degree program, the rule is not violated. Moreover, THEC does provide more leeway to professional programs which would be the classification of this program. Dr. Harmon had a four pronged question related to the issue of discrimination.([See Appendix A](#))

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

The issue of discrimination based on sexual orientation prompted a passionate discussion of who we are, our role in the lives of our students, what we stand for, and the like. The question was called. That motion passed 22-2-4. The question on the main motion passed: 21-7-0.

4. Administrative Reports

Dr. Burhenn presented the administrative report; the Chancellor was at a Board of Trustee meeting. The main issue to report on is the status of the pay issue. There will be equity adjustments for faculty and salary but equity has not been defined.

5. Other Business: None

6. Faculty Concerns: None

7. Announcements: Register Orth reminded faculty of the changes in registration scheduled for Monday, November 6. Dr. Sturzer announced that it was National French week and there would be reports and video of the trip UTC students took to Paris.

8. Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn, voice vote, passed unanimously.