

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Signal Mountain Room, University Center, 3:10 p.m.**  
**February 15, 2007**

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

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

**Among the guests present:** Linda Orth, Gregory Heath, David Jenkinson, Nancy Badger, Charles Nelson, Stephanie Bellar, Debbie Parker, Tony Lease and Mary Tanner.

**Summary:** There was a discussion on the state of Student Health at UTC. Representatives from Health and Human Performance, Student Development, the Counseling Center and the UTC Polyclinic were in attendance to answer questions. **Curriculum proposals A – D passed with a vote of (27 – 0) and proposal E passed with a vote (28 – 0).** The Curriculum Committee asks that departments use the new guidelines and new coversheet. These are posted on the Faculty Senate Website. Lyn Miles gave a presentation on the UTNAA Conference. Vice-Chancellor Richard Brown reminded the Senate that the budget process will begin in early March and website is currently being developed for this.

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 3:17 P.M.

2. Approval of minutes from February 01, 2007:

Moved by Claire McCullough and seconded by Jean Howard-Hill. Minutes were approved by voice vote with the following change: add Jocelyn Sanders to the list of ad hoc committee for the undergraduate catalog. Gretchen Potts requested that members make sure their attendance is noted in the minutes

[http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Archives/2000\\_2010Archives/2006\\_07/2006\\_07Minutes/2007Minutes\\_0201.pdf](http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Archives/2000_2010Archives/2006_07/2006_07Minutes/2007Minutes_0201.pdf)

3. Discussion on Student Health (Nancy Badger, Gregory Heath, Hugh Prevost and David Jenkinson, DO )

President Townsend sent the guests some questions that relate to health options on campus. The following is the response by the guests to the questions. *The words in italics were statements or questions posed by the members of the Senate.*

The general state of the student health situation is very good. The staff is excellent and there is a good collaboration with the School of Nursing. The PolyClinic has been in service since 2005. It is open to students and staff. Walk in status of the clinic has improved student access and in a way student health. Currently, the PolyClinic is serving 135 – 155 students/week. This is a double the numbers prior to the current administration of the PolyClinic. They still have an issue with students understanding that the PolyClinic will treat all students, even if they don't have insurance. Email marketing and research has been used to "sell" the PolyClinic to the students. This has lead to the walk-in hours.

PolyClinic Hours: 7:30 – 4:45 (MW), 8:30 – 4:45 (T, R, F) and 10 – 2 (Sat.). If students are ill at night, the students must attend local health centers. Currently, the PolyClinic does not have any evening hours. Also, there is no major university with an infirmary (NCAA, Div I). The PolyClinic has a collaboration with Erlanger, Memorial, and Parkridge.

The PolyClinic can provide urgent care as well as every day care, including many areas of medicine. Anything that students can receive at “Physician Care”, students can receive at the PolyClinic. The PolyClinic’s owners have absorbed the costs of the fully-functioning center. Meaning, the budget given to the PolyClinic by UTC has not increased, but the services have.

Not many faculty and staff have taken advantage of the service. The PolyClinic is also open to the community.

*Claire McCullough shared how she has been able to get into the PolyClinic for appointments.*

The Counseling Center has a “dream” of psychiatry hours on campus. UTC previously had psychiatry service, but the physician passed away and UTC does not currently have any service. The PolyClinic can provide some antidepressants, but nothing that would serve students with serious psychiatric issues. The Counseling Center has grown. The exact numbers are reported in [Appendix A](#). UTC’s Counseling Center is not accredited due to the student to staff ratio. Nancy Badger feels that we need a health educator on campus as well as a person who is capable of assessing student learning disabilities.

Would it be possible to insist that a student have health insurance? The cost of the UT-policy for a year is \$860. Should this be a burden for the students, or should we introduce a health fee. It is a student economical issue. Currently, the PolyClinic is absorbing costs for some of the uninsured.

The cost of student health for 2005 – 2006 was \$257, 250. The cost per student out of the fees was about \$12.90. A \$50 fee per semester would generate about 1 million dollars. This would provide money to fund a more comprehensive program which would include wellness. This would of course be brought before SGA as well as the administration.

*Kathy Winters wondered if tuition/scholarship reimbursements would pay for health insurance.* Because it would be in the fees, it would most likely be paid. But, if it was mandatory health insurance it may not be covered in tuition/scholarship. It would need to be explored.

*Bryan Hampton wondered if the student health fee would be assessed on students who could prove that they already had health insurance.* There are many questions. Who would determine if the students really had insurance? Knoxville mandates that all students have to pay the fee. A student health fee across the board is a more rational approach than requiring each student to have proof of insurance. UTK charges \$72.50/semester in addition to requiring health insurance. UTC is the only school in the state of TN that doesn’t have a student health fee or that doesn’t require health insurance.

*Jean Howard-Hill wondered if we had a mandatory athletic fee. Is not the health of our students more important than an athletic fee? Not having a health fee is doing a tremendous disservice.*

*Gretchen Potts wondered if this fee would affect the percentage increase in fees allowed by the legislature.* Richard Brown said that legislature is looking at restricting 5 – 6% limit to the increase in fees and it could possibly affect a student health fee.

Preventative health care issues are not being addressed. These are not usually covered by standard health insurance or student-purchased insurance. Physical inactivity and dietary intake are associated with many health risks. From a behavioral point of view, this is the last shot that the university has to change social behaviors during the key formative period in the lifecycle.

The PolyClinic is a teaching lab and a research opportunity for the faculty and staff of this institution. This is a new concept to a non-medical school campus. The PolyClinic desperately needs the support of the faculty. UTC is far beyond the norm on this issue. UTC is not a commuter campus anymore. The health fee has to happen.

In two – three weeks, the budget process will begin. Please consider what was discussed today when the budget is considered. If students have good mental health, they are more likely to succeed in your classes.

#### 4. Curriculum Committee:

The following proposals were considered by the Senate. Felicia Sturzer represented the committee. Jim Hiestand wanted to know what happened to the courses that were deleted. Michelle Vineyard stated that these courses were not being deleted, but that the courses were being removed from the core of the Interior Design program to adjust the program to the 120 hour rule. **The first four curriculum proposals (A – D) were passed by a vote of 27 – 0.** Proposal E changes the catalog description for many courses in engineering. **The last curriculum proposal (E) was passed by a vote of 28 – 0.**

- a. 07-007 (2 coversheets) Create New HECO Interior Design, Approved: 7-0-1.
- b. 07-008 (3 coversheets) Human Ecology: Child and Family Studies Revisions, Approved: 8-0-0.
- c. Prerequisite Change for HECO 321 – Contemporary Furnishings, Approved: 8-0-0.
- d. Addendum not included in proposal previously approved by Faculty Senate. The proposal was approved by the Senate; however, this addendum was not included in the proposal as transmitted to Faculty Senate members. This cleans up the technicality of that omission: Revisions in the CRMJ/LAS Majors and Minors ADDENDUM
- e. 07-010 – ME, CHE, ENVE Engineering Catalog Description Changes, Approved: 6-0

[http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Archives/2000\\_2010Archives/2006\\_07/2006\\_07Attachments/CurriculumProposals\\_021507.pdf](http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Archives/2000_2010Archives/2006_07/2006_07Attachments/CurriculumProposals_021507.pdf)

- f. Announcement: Curriculum Committee has changed the Proposal Guidelines and the Cover Sheet for proposals. The new forms can be found on the Senate website under the link “Forms”.

The committee asks that the departments use the current catalog when preparing proposals. The committee also asks that proposals have page numbers and that the first line of the proposal have the department abbreviation. Jocelyn Sanders noticed that in the guidelines there should be a place for Linda Orth, the Registrar to sign. Gretchen Potts just wanted to clarify that all forms are now on the Faculty Senate website.

<http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Forms/Curriculum/UGCurriculumProposalGuidelines.pdf>

<http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Forms/Curriculum/UGCurriculumProposalCoverSheet.pdf>

#### 5. Report from Executive Committee

- a. Vote on Quorum: Currently, 185 faculty have voted. Two hundred and twenty votes are needed. President Townsend wondered if the Faculty Senate wants to designate a committee to look at the possibility of electronic voting. Claire McCullough felt that it would make sense to wait for the vote to be finished. This was seconded by Felicia Sturzer and Randy Walker.
- b. Conference of the UTNAA (Lyn Miles): Lyn Miles gave a presentation using some slides that President Petersen presented at the conference.

The UT-System wants to have a mission focused strategic plan that includes three major areas: Student Access and Student Success, Research and Economic Development, and Outreach and Globalization. The priorities will be education (educating the people of TN), healthcare and research and economic development. Currently, Tennessee is 5% below the national average in percentage of adults with a 4-yr college degree. Also, data indicates that wages increase with an increase in the level of education. One area that needs to be looked at is student graduation rate. Tennessee students lag behind the rest of the US.

Future growth will include a new campus, Cherokee campus that will be a branch of UTK. The UT-system will also begin a bio-fuel initiative which will secure the energy future and bring new economic opportunities to Tennessee.

A top priority in the new fiscal year will be a fully-funded five percent salary increase. Fully-funded means that the legislature pays for the full five percent, rather than asking the students to pay for some of the increase by raising tuition.

It is important to know that the new lieutenant governor is very supportive of higher education, as is the governor. There will be a UT “Day on the Hill” on May 21, 2007. The steps of the building will be painted orange.

Where is UTC’s place in this vision? There should be an emphasis on green technologies and global impact.

After the presentation, a few questions were raised by Senate members. Theresa Liedtka wanted to know what the long-term goal was for the Cherokee campus. It will be an extension of UTK. Felicia Sturzer wondered if the legislature is looking at higher education or just K-12. The governor has assured President Petersen that higher education would be addressed this year. Shela Van Ness wondered if President Petersen mentioned UTC in his presentation. The funding for the Lupton Library was listed, but it was not mentioned or stressed. The big emphasis was on the Cherokee campus and the bio-refinery.

#### 6. Administrative Reports:

- a. Provost Burhenn conveyed thanks from Chancellor Brown for the participation yesterday in the Strategic Planning kick-off.

- b. Vice-Chancellor Richard Brown stated that the new budget cycle of 2007-2008 will occur in early March. A website is being developed for this. Right now, THEC is representing fee increase between 5 – 6%. A new funding model would give about \$1.2 million in new money for UTC. Also, President Petersen is asking for a 5% raise pool. The Library project is #9 on the list of capital projects and most likely it won't be funded. There is chance for lottery funding for this. Also, capital maintenance funding looks positive. The new wellness center is out for bid and the ground breaking should occur in early spring.

7. Other Business: None

8. Faculty Concerns:

Shela Van Ness wondered why the Senate was not discussing the merger agreement. Kathy Winters wondered if there was actually anything that the Senate could do. Is there a point in discussing it? Shela Van Ness felt that the Strategic Planning Process should begin with the merger agreement. The Senate felt this was important so that it will be on a future agenda. Also, the merger agreement will be posted online.

9. Announcements: None

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Gretchen E. Potts  
Faculty Senate Secretary  
February 16, 2007**

## Appendix A: Counseling and Career Planning Center Direct Service Hours

Note: Direct service does not include administrative work such as committees, case notes, investigating appropriate referral sources, training interns, scoring and interpreting assessments, etc.

Service	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006
<b>Career Sessions</b>	160	198	168	157
<b>Personal Sessions</b>	307	406	508	697
<b>Clinical Sessions</b>	34	49	87	99
<b>Consultation</b>			125.00 hours	100.25 hours
<b>Outreach</b>			223.75 hours	178.75 hours
<b>Total Direct Service Hours</b>			1111.75 hours	1221.00 hours

### Staff/Student Ratio

The International Accreditation of Counseling Services states that the maximum student to counselor ratio should be no more than 1:1500.

The average student to counselor ratio according to the 2006 survey of counseling center directors was 1:1644.73.

The counselor to student ratio that UTC reported in the national survey was 1:2967.