

Faculty Senate Minutes
Ocoee Room, University Center, 3:10 p.m.
March 20, 2007

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

Among the guests present: Linda Orth, Charles Nelson, Yvonne Kilpatrick and Darrell Walsh

Summary: Shela Van Ness gave a presentation on the UCW-CWA (See Appendix A). A few faculty handbook changes were approved to clean-up language dealing with the change from council to senate as well as the release time for the Faculty Senate secretary. Joe Dumas gave a presentation on the findings of the Ad hoc University Club Committee and the Senate voted to endorse the recommendations.

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Approval of minutes from March 01, 2007:

Minutes were approved by voice vote with the following changes: (1) Kay Lindgren's name was left off of the attendance (2) change Dr. Blasi and Dr. Townsend to Tony and Gavin (3) under part 5, paragraph 1 change Claire McCullough's statement to "She did not think that according to parliamentary procedure the Senate has the power to make these changes" (4) under part 5, paragraph 3 change "mute" to "moot", (5) under 5, paragraph 4 change Beni Asllani's statement to "Beni Asllani was concerned that even though 50-60 faculty voted for electronic voting in the e-survey that is a large number to be ignored. Therefore, he does not feel like the Senate can make that decision. He proposes that survey results be used for information purposes only" (6) under 5, paragraph 16 change Fritz Efaw's statement to "Fritz Efaw felt that the discussion and vote at the meeting illustrated the advantage of following parliamentary procedure in deliberating a question and reaching a decision through voting in open assembly, whether by secret ballot or voice vote." (7) under 5, paragraph 18 change "Republican" to "republican" (8) under 6, paragraph 2 change Debbie Archambeault to Diane Halstead (9) under 6, paragraph 3 change "capitol" to "capital".

http://www.utc.edu/Departments/fcouncil/Archives/2000_2010Archives/2006_07/2006_07Minutes/2007Minutes_0301.pdf

3. Visitor addresses the Senate: Shela Van Ness, UCW – CWA

Shela Van Ness gave a presentation to the Senate on the legislative agenda of the Union (See Appendix A). She reminded us that the Union is the only voice for UTC in the legislature.

Fritz Efav wondered what would be happening at “UT Day on the Hill”. He wanted to participate but did not find any information about this. Shela Van Ness indicated that the Union is trying to become savvier at representing UTC to the legislature. Lyn Miles agreed with Fritz Efav about the “UT Day on the Hill” in terms of communication about activities. But, Lyn Miles did know that there would be meetings with the Lieutenant Governor as well as meetings with the Education Committee.

Jean Howard-Hill has a class of students, who have appointments with the legislature on the 11th of April, 2007. The class is doing a project on the state of the legislature in relation to education.

Lyn Miles felt that the “UT Day on the Hill” was an opportunity to attract the attention of legislative representatives who have graduated from UT System schools.

4. Faculty Handbook Committee:

a. Discussion on full-faculty meetings and quorum

Joe Wilferth stated that the committee is still working on the language. It has been quite difficult to get the committee together due to spring break as well as the short time between the two meetings. Therefore, there is not a formal recommendation from the committee on full-faculty meetings and quorum.

b. Handbook Changes

Joe Wilferth moved some other Faculty Handbook Changes: (1) Section 2.3.2 needs to have the word council changed to senate (2) The secretary of faculty senate has an 3 hr course release for each semester, but that is not a part of the current handbook: the secretary shall have 3-hours of release time per semester for these duties.

There was not any discussion and the changes passed by voice vote.

5. Report from Executive Committee

a. Report from Ad hoc University Club Committee – Joe Dumas

The Ad hoc University Club Committee was a joint faculty/staff committee. The committee looked at the operations of the Faculty Club. The Faculty Association has dissolved itself and the club does not currently exist. The committee’s charge was to come up with a set of recommendations for re-activating the club. A recommendation was made to rename it “The University Club” to include all of the employees. The document contained in the minutes contains a number of recommendations. The committee had to deal with the “alcohol on campus” question. It is impossible to sell alcohol on campus, legally. There is a recommendation in the report that allows for alcohol at the club. The report also suggests filing for 503(c) tax exempt status. Another issue was the use of the facility by members and nonmembers. This has also been resolved in the recommendations made by the committee. The recommendations have been presented to the exempt staff and will be presented to the nonexempt staff. The committee is asking each of these bodies (including Faculty Senate) to endorse the recommendations. It will require support from the University: maintenance, locking/unlocking facility and some additional benefits of membership (discount on tickets, etc...)

Gavin Townsend asked how much the liability would cost. Joe Dumas indicated that the cost was about \$1100, but there was not a firm quote. Gavin Townsend asked how dues would be utilized. Joe Dumas indicated that the funds might be used to purchase snacks that are kept on-hand. If more money was being taken in than was needed for operations, dues could be reduced or used for other benefits. He reminded the Senate that the Club would be run by a Board of Directors.

Gavin Townsend asked about the age limit. Joe Dumas stated that the committee adopted a policy similar to adult services, which is a limit of 25 years of age. Kathy Winters wanted to know if a person younger than 25 could go to the University Club if someone was renting the Club and it was not a University function. Joe Dumas stated this is possible, but alcohol could not be served. Furthermore, Arramark must be used for catering and “potluck” type meals would not be allowed. Sharon Brueggeman wondered if students under 25 could be on the premises for departmental functions. Joe Dumas indicated the age restriction is solely for events that where alcohol would be served.

Ignatius Formunung wanted to know about the lockers. Joe Dumas stated that the lockers do not exist and that the committee was asking the university to absorb the costs of installing the lockers.

Jim Hiestand wondered about who owns the building. Joe Dumas indicated that it is a university building. It is not owned by the UC Foundation.

Mike Bell moved to endorse the recommendations made by the committee and it was seconded by Joanie Sompayrac.

Discussion: Shela Van Ness wanted to ensure that the rates suggested in the document were not too specific as they could change. Joe Dumas indicated that the prices were suggestions/ballpark and not meant to undercut local facilities. Jean Howard-Hill wondered why the rates shouldn't undercut local facilities. Joe Dumas stated that it is a very expensive facility to own/run and at lower rates the University would be subsidizing the cost of the facility.

Cheryl Robinson asked that the installed lockers be of high quality. Additionally, she suggested consulting someone in interior design.

The motion passed by voice vote.

http://www.utc.edu/Administration/FacultySenate/Archives/2000_2010Archives/2006_07/2006_07Attachments/2007UniversityClubRecommendations.pdf

- b. Committee Reports – Gavin Townsend asked committee chairs to issue reports of the year's activities. Gretchen Potts reminded the Senate that lists of committees as well as their chairs are available on the Faculty Senate website.

6. Administrative Reports:

Chancellor Brown thanked the Senate for participating with the visit of the first provost candidate and also for participating in the strategic planning process. He asked that we provide feedback to him on each candidate. He will be going to Nashville for the "UT Day on the Hill". Chancellor Brown will be asking the legislature for \$5 million for the new library planning process.

Felicia Sturzer asked Chancellor Brown if he will be raising the issue of faculty salaries. Chancellor Brown stated that he would support the UT request for 5%, and that he would also ask for support for the funds from the state.

Provost Burhenn reported that the "Provost's Academic Report" of faculty scholarship has been sent to the printers. Additionally, his office will most likely ask for the same information for 2006, but it may not necessarily be published.

Gavin Townsend asked Provost Burhenn about community outreach as a part of the report. Provost Burhenn stated that there are two forms: a report that is a summary of outreach from each department, and the second is the report that the UT-system has requested all faculty to complete. David Pittenger stated that issues with the password process can be solved using the UTC Help Desk, but that it can be difficult.

7. Other Business:

8. Faculty Concerns:

Fritz Efaw had a concern about some data presented at the budget hearings, but he will present them at the next meeting.

Shela Van Ness indicated that the committee to review the Merger Agreement has been formed.

9. Announcements: None

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Gretchen E. Potts
Faculty Senate Secretary
March 21, 2007**



United Campus Workers

About UCW-CWA

- ◆ Democratic-local decision-making
- ◆ Problem-solving approach with administration
- ◆ Began 3 years ago- from Faculty Federation
- ◆ Why we include staff & adjuncts
- ◆ Provides fulltime organizer; legal advice; lobbying advisor; training
- ◆ Cost=\$11/mo.
- ◆ 400+ members

2007 Legislative Agenda

- ◆ 1. Cost of living raise no less than what other state workers receive.
- ◆ 2. Compression pay equal to what other state workers received last year.
- ◆ 3. Minimum \$1500. raise for every fulltime or part-time permanent employee.
- ◆ 4. No "merit" raises until cost of living raises are given.

What UCW-CWA is Doing

- ◆ Last week-Lobby Day- 40 members met with 30+ legislators
- ◆ Wed. 28th-Post card campaign to Jamie Woodson, Chair of Senate Education committee
- ◆ Campaign support for helpful legislators
- ◆ 2 Public support events for Dr. Green
- ◆ April 5-next day with the legislature
- ◆ Future lobby days to be announced
- ◆ Relationship-building with key legislators
- ◆ Faculty Caucus seeking to contribute to Chancellor's initiative

The Times They are a'Changing

- ◆ After branding campaign, UTC is in the fine print on billboards
- ◆ UTC's library is #9 on President Peterson's priority list; a new campus in Knoxville is a higher priority.
- ◆ Erosion of faculty salaries & failed searches
- ◆ Issues of student retention & undesirable graduation rate

Reasons We Need to Grow

- ◆ We are the only voice for UTC to the legislature
- ◆ Your needs have not been explained to law makers
- ◆ President Peterson has not made faculty salaries a lead issue so far
- ◆ There is political power in numbers.
- ◆ "The greatest discovery of any generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitude." *William James*