

**UTC Speakers & Special Events Final Report 2009**  
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The purpose of the UTC Speakers & Special Events Committee is defined in the UTC Faculty Handbook: "The Speakers and Special Events Committee is allocated funds from the activities fee for the purpose of paying honoraria, travel expenses, and other expenses for non-university related speakers or special events presented on campus for students and other members of the University community. All faculty and students are invited to submit a proposal for financial support for speakers, lectures, arts, and entertainment events sponsored by this Committee."

The funding for 2008-09 academic year was \$18,150. Members reviewed 18 proposals submitted by the fall deadline and 15 proposals submitted by the spring deadline. During fall semester, sixteen proposals were funded and two were denied. Of the funded proposals, only two were fully funded. Applicants, as a whole, received \$13,150 to help meet the \$79,784 which was the cost of these events. During spring semester, eleven proposals were funded and four were denied. Of the funded proposals, none were fully funded. Applicants, as a whole, received \$5,025 to help meet the \$70,385 which was the cost of these events.

Speakers and special events were funded from the following sponsoring departments: Alumni Affairs, Art, Athletics, Economics, English, Health & Human Performance, Music, Office of Students with Disabilities, Philosophy, Physical Therapy, Political Science, Psychology, Student Development, Women's Center, and Women Studies. The awards ranged from \$100 to \$2000 with an average of \$673.

The 2008-09 funded topics and speakers included:

Applicant	Event
Marisa Colston	Team ENHANCE - A Multidisciplinary Approach to Psychosocial Care
Lisa Cothran	Guest Lecture by Dr. Amy Sibulkin, "Statistics Prerequisites
Julie Hobbs	Jill Felber, Flute Recital and Masterclass
Jayne Holder	ASAP (Affiliation of Student Advancement Programs) District III Conference
Bruce Hutchinson	Globalization Seminar
Leslie Jensen-Inman	Designing for Your Future
Rebecca Jones	Writing to Work: The Story of Invisible Ink Communications
Tara C. Mathis	An Evening with Nikki Giovanni
Laura Mincy	Michael Franzese
Sara Peters 1	Take Back the Night Cosy Sheridan Concert
Sara Peters 2	Another Kind of Hunger
Dee Dee Anderson	PERSPECTIVES 2009: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. lecture
June Hanks	PT Forum 2009
Karen Henderson	Are You a Filmmaker in the Making
Rick Jackson	Meacham Writers' Workshop
Jonathan McNair	Southeastern Music Festival
Marcia Noe	Legendary Latinas: Tres Vidas
Sara Peters	Clothesline Project
Dennis Plaisted	C.S. Lewis Lecture
Valerie Radu	3rd Annual Social Justice Retreat
Michelle Rigler	Disability Awareness Speaker-Amy Roloff
Bob Swansbrough	Counter Insurgency: Lessons from Vietnam
Sin-Hsing Tsai	Guest Piano Recital & Piano Master Class
Bart Weathington	An Overview of Sport Psychology
Jessica Westbrook	Seeds
Grant Wilson	Guest lectures by African-American composer
Grant Wilson	Masterclass/performance by Dr. Kelly Thomas

In addition to reviewing applications and making awards, the modified the webpage to better reflect our responsibilities. The Committee also changed the application forms.

See:

<http://www.utc.edu/Administration/WalkerTeachingResourceCenter/FacultyDevelopment/FacDevOpps/#special>

We changed to an electronic submission and review process using Blackboard, and finally, we recommended an increase in funding as this funding base has not increased in years.