

**The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
Graduate Council Minutes  
January 12, 2006**

Members Present: E. Bartoo, S. Davidson, J. Dumas, Freeman, R. Goulet for E. Foster  
D. Halstead, E. Meagher, B. O'Leary, V. Petzko, John Tucker,.

Members Absent: R. Briley, V. Bumphus, D. Edwards, E. Foster, L. Harris,  
G. Heath, M. Long, C. Smith, K. Turner,

Ex-Officio Members Present: C. Arender, D. Arfken, S. Bellar, T. Liedtka

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Y. Kilpatrick

Guest: Roger Brown, Chancellor

**Actions Taken:**

**Approved Recommendations for Graduate Faculty Membership: 9-0-0.**

**Second Reading: Revision of Criteria for Graduate Faculty Membership:  
7-0-2**

**I. Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of the Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. The minutes were approved unanimously with corrections.

**II. Visit with the Chancellor, Dr. Roger Brown**

Dr. Dumas introduced Dr. Brown. Dr. Brown opened by saying he's a former graduate director in the Public Administration area and a former Provost, which means that he understands the bureaucracy Graduate Council is often caught in. Dr. Brown said that graduate programs here at UTC bring high visibility and credit to the University. He said he wants to continue to make sure that happens. Dr. Brown discussed his meeting with THEC and two members of the commission and, not surprisingly, the outlook for funding for the University is "not glowing." He said that what this means is that any new program that is proposed will be met with extreme hesitation, but when the Graduate Council meets and brings forward a proposal that has a strong case, Dr. Brown will take those program initiatives forward with enthusiasm. He then opened the floor up for comments and discussions.

Dr. Bartoo stated Dr. Brown's experiences at UNC would be helpful for us at UTC because they are new to us. Dr. Bartoo said that some people believe that UTC's mission is for a good undergraduate liberal arts school and that graduate education is actually not needed. Dr. Brown said that in the next couple weeks the campus will receive e-mails regarding an installation ceremony because he believes such a ceremony is an important opportunity to recommit UTC to the community. Dr. Woodward from UNC Charlotte will be here for the ceremony. Dr. Brown says that he believes there are a lot of parallels between UNC Charlotte and UTC, and he wants

Dr. Woodward to talk about what he found, what his challenges were and what his successes were. Dr. Bartoo said it's hard to establish need for programs in the liberal arts. He told of how when English was proposing a master's degree they had to put a third track in English with a concentration for teaching. Dr. Brown said that mindset is still in Knoxville, but he believes Chattanooga is too vibrant to not have a complete and comprehensive program. Dr. Brown said he has a deep bias for liberal arts and he thinks that if an institution wants to present great professional programs, they must have great liberal arts programs as well.

Dr. Petzko said that it would seem like an easy way to boost admission would be to offer in-state tuition to north Georgians and northeast Alabamians. Dr. Brown said that if we do, the refund we would owe would be about a million dollars. He said that many different ideas are being thrown around and there's one main political problem: the legislature doesn't want us to do it because they're afraid we'll ask for the money we lose.

Dr. Harris asked if CSTCC has discounted tuition rates for north Georgia students. Dr. Brown said that they do. Someone asked if the legislators want Dalton to build up their campus and begin offering in-state tuition rates for Tennessee residents? Dr. Arfken made the point that what is needed for UTC is money for marketing and money for positioning. She said that all the schools coming into the Chattanooga area have out-marketed us. Dr. Arfken also warned that a lot of the schools coming into the area are "dumbed down," not accredited and/or on warning by SACS. When money is infused into marketing the programs we can turn the situation around and make it increase threefold.

Dr. Smith said that an incredible asset would be cultural teaching. She believes UTC needs a research and scholarship center that would function like the Walker Teacher Research Center. Dr. Smith says UTC needs support for faculty as they begin moving in the direction of scholarship. Dr. Brown said that we have a lot of programs that are responsible for in-house research, and he would like to see departments engage this issue. He believes that the departments must decide what the workload should be and how to make the formula work. Departments must say what research is and decide how to allocate workload.

In closing, Dr. Brown said UTC needs to decide who we are and where we're going.

### **III. Recommendations for Graduate Faculty Members**

Dr. Bellar passed out a list of graduate faculty recommendations. Five applicants were recommended for a lower rank than requested. Dr. Bellar said work presented has to be current, and the committee is looking at a five year span. Dr. Dumas reminded members that if Graduate Council approves the recommendation it then goes to Dr. Arfken for review. Dr. Bartoo said that the college deans don't know when the status is being recommended for a lower status. It was moved by Dr. Davidson to accept the committee's recommendations. Dr. Smith asked if these applicants were reviewed by the original guidelines. Dr. Bellar confirmed that the applications were reviewed using the original guidelines. Dr. Bartoo made an amendment stating that by accepting this set of recommendation from the sub committee that each of the deans involved with a change be invited to respond in any way they wish and that that response be included with this recommendation when it

goes to Dr. Arfken and the Provost. Dr. Davidson seconded the amendment. The amendment passed, 9-0-0. Bartoo moved to accept the recommendations of the committee; Dr. O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0-0.

**IV. Second Reading: Revision of Criteria for Graduate Faculty Membership**

Number 4: need to add the word "ALL." Dr. Dumas said that once this is approved it has to go back to Faculty Senate. Dr. Meagher moved to accept the proposal. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The proposal passed 7-0-2.

**V. Other Business**

Dr. Dumas brought up the fact that we usually meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month, but January 26 is when the full faculty meet. Dr. Dumas suggested having Graduate Council on either January 24 or January 31. It was moved to have the meeting on January 31. March 30 will be the second March meeting for Graduate Council. Dr. Arfken said that SACS approved substantive changes for the Ph.D. and Ed.D programs. Dr. Halstead stated that COBA wants to thank Dr. Arfken for help for Mark Pankiw's posthumous degree.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary  
The Graduate School