

**2007 – 2008 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Signal Mountain Room, University Center, 3:10 p.m.**  
**January 17, 2008**

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, Michelle White, Chris Stuart, Randy Walker and Tammy Garland	Linda Hill
<b>Adjunct</b>		Ann Thomas Moore
<b>Behavioral Sciences</b>	Lyn Miles, Helen Eigenberg and Terri LeMoyne	Tom Buchanan
<b>Business Adm.</b>	Diane Halstead, Debbie Archambeault, Kathleen Wheatley and Beverly Brockman	
<b>Eng &amp; Comp Sci</b>	Claire McCullough	Li Yang, Ignatius Fomunung and Michel Holder
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Stuart Benkert and Patrick Sweetman	Mac Smotherman
<b>CHEPS</b>	Kay Lindgren, Michelle Vineyard, and Linda Johnston	John Freeman, Dolly Gerregano, and Dana Wertenberger
<b>Humanities</b>	Rebecca Jones, Felicia Sturzer, Matthew Guy, Oralia Preble-Niemi, and Joe Wilferth	Lauren Ingraham
<b>Library</b>	Colleen Harris	
<b>Math &amp; Sciences</b>	Peggy Kovach, Bob Marlowe, Doug Kutz, Eddie Wang and Marc Loizeaux	
<b>Ex-Officio</b>	Jocelyn Sanders, David Pittenger, John Delaney and Theresa Liedtka	Phil Oldham, Richard Brown, and Roger Brown
<b>SGA Liaison</b>		

**Among the guests present:** Chuck Cantrell, Terry Denniston, Linda Orth, Mary Tanner, Herb Burhenn, Jim Cunningham, Ralph Covino, Bruce Hutchinson and Yvonne Kilpatrick

**Summary:** The Senate approved curriculum proposals 08-27 through 08-29, 08-32, 08-33, 08-35 though 08-38, and 08-40 by a vote of 26 – 0 – 0. Lyn Miles volunteered to serve on the UPRAC, which will determine how funds will be allocated to implement the Strategic Plan. Michelle White and Colleen Harris volunteered to serve on the Faculty Handbook Committee.

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 3:16 PM.

2. Approval of minutes from December 6, 2007:

Minutes were approved with the following corrections: (1) Under “Report from Executive Committee”, change “Richard Brown answered” to “Vice-Chancellor Brown replied, “Other priorities” without elaborating on what those might be. He continued that” (2) “Faculty Concerns”, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, second sentence add “some” before the word “companies”. (3) Under “Faculty Concerns”, 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change “to” to “too” and “sell” to “sale”

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### 3. Curriculum Committee (Bruce Hutchinson)

Curriculum Proposals 08-27 through 08-29, 08-32, 08-33, 08-35 through 08-38, and 08-40 were submitted by the curriculum committee for approval. Jim Hiestand asked what the purpose was for establishing a pre-major code in music. Linda Orth stated that music is receiving majors that are not ready to be a part of the program. It creates a two-step admission process. Jim Hiestand asked if it affected faculty load. Linda Orth answered that there are not any additional courses involved in the classification. It is a way to mark those students as being a part of the music major. Stuart Benkert stated that it allows for an official mechanism to classify those students who have the potential to succeed, but not the skills needed. It limits the classes that those students can take. It also formalizes the process and provides the department a little legal security.

Felicia Sturzer wondered about the 392/492 recital courses for no credit. She wasn't sure about that it was stated on the proposal. Bruce Hutchinson stated that it was in the proposal.

She also asked if it was correct that there were not any 300-level prerequisites for the 400-level course in Women's Rhetoric. Marcia Noe answered that it is correct.

Oralia Preble-Niemi asked about the rationale for the proposal to 08-040 as it seemed like an education rationale. Stuart Benkert answered that it has to do with accreditation issues. Instrumentation majors need to have a choral requirement to make them more marketable. Jocelyn Sanders answered that the degree is a BM (Bachelor of Music) and it is a degree that prepares teachers in music.

The curriculum proposals passed by a vote of 26 – 0 – 0.

[http://www.utc.edu/Administration/FacultySenate/Archives/2000\\_2010Archives/2007\\_08/2007\\_08Attachments/011708\\_Curriculum.pdf](http://www.utc.edu/Administration/FacultySenate/Archives/2000_2010Archives/2007_08/2007_08Attachments/011708_Curriculum.pdf)

### 4. Report from Executive Committee (Gavin Townsend)

Welcome to Eddie Wang and Colleen Harris who are serving out terms of senators who needed to step down.

Deborah Arfken will be heading up a committee to help determine how to allocate resources to meet the requirements of the Strategic Plan. University Planning and Resources Advisory Council (UPRAC) is being formed for this purpose. Gavin Townsend and John Garrett (Chair of B&E Committee) will serve. Gavin Townsend asked if there was a senator willing to serve. Lyn Miles stated she would serve on the committee. The first UPRAC meeting is Jan. 31 from 1:30 – 4.

Nominations are still open for Faculty President. Full professors with no administrative duties are desirable, preferably someone who has experience serving on the Senate. Please contact Marcia Noe with nominations.

Lyn Miles addressed the Senate about the meeting of the University Faculty Council meeting in Nashville. The group will be meeting by themselves, without the president. She also discussed an editorial that appeared in *The Tennessean* that discusses the Governor's desire to reorganize higher education. The newspaper supported this desire. It hinted at technical schools being under one organization and the remaining schools becoming independent. The article also discusses the forced resignation of the Chancellor at UTK and the report on the Merger Agreement that the Governor has now read.

Felicia Sturzer asked what the current status was on the Merger Agreement as far as legal council and what affect a reorganization would have on UTC. Lyn Miles answered that the Chancellor has not taken a position on that publicly or privately. President Petersen told Lyn Miles personally that he had declined adding University of Memphis to the UT-System. Another idea would be to make UT-Martin and UTC independent, but Lyn Miles did not know if that was an option.

The Handbook Committee must be comprised of senators and some current members are not senators. Colleen Harris and Michelle White volunteered to serve. Another volunteer is still needed. Please contact Joe Wilferth if you are interested.

## 5. Administrative Reports

### a. Update on impoundments and impact on budget

David Pittenger stated that nothing more is known than what has been seen in the newspapers. Revenues from state taxes are down. There is speculation on the state asking for a return of some funds. David Pittenger also stated that we (UTC) are acting conservatively. Some allocations from the recurring funds have been made to the adjuncts to increase their pay and a few temporary-funded full-time positions were made recurring. The remaining commitments have been put on hold: the increase to the operating budget, compression pay, and the increase to the library budgets.

## 6. Other Business: None

## 7. Faculty Concerns:

### a. Statement from Richard Rice

Richard Rice has a statement that he asked be a part of the record. Gavin Townsend asked about Richard's comments on the UTCSTAFF listserv.

Kay Lindgren stated that if an unusual event happens, the campus relies on University Relations to deal with the issue. Gavin Townsend asked if the telephones are sufficient. Joe Wilferth stated that some of the concerns that Richard Rice brought up were addressed by Chuck Cantrell in an email this past week. Chuck Cantrell stated that the police should be the first to know in emergency situations.

Lyn Miles asked how the UTC community could communicate in an emergency type of situation. Chuck Cantrell stated that text messaging should be in place in 2 – 4 weeks. The phone/email will still be there in an emergency situation. People need to wait for information from emergency personnel in that type of situation.

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### b. Campus Security Update

Please see the email sent by University Relations earlier this week. Chuck Cantrell stated that two proposals have been submitted to the UC Foundation for 270 cameras to be put in UTC place. The cameras would interface with the security lock system and the security cameras currently in place. Also, they hope to be able interface the cameras with laptops of the Chattanooga Police and the UTC police.

The “popup” type announcement has not yet been implemented because the spyware that UTC currently uses limits the ability to be able to do this. Upgrades will need to be done before this can happen.

Joe Wilferth stated that one of Richard Rice's concerns was that the UTCSTAFF was shut down and then a week later the FACULTY listserv became moderated, without an input. The FACULTY listserv was generated by the Provost's office to be able to communicate with faculty. Chuck Cantrell answered that the moderated form came from the concern that UTC should not have any un-moderated list. Also, there was a concern that the listserv would get clogged with the discussion/"cars for sale". Joe Wilferth answered that the concern was unfounded as it had not happened. The list had been un-moderated for years without problems.

Terry Denniston stated Phil Oldham wanted her to remind the Faculty Senate that he did state at the meeting with the Chancellor that he was concerned with the list not being moderated.

Gavin Townsend reminded the Senate that any faculty member can send an email to the entire faculty using Blackboard. Also, there are discussion board opportunities on Blackboard.

Felicia Sturzer asked about the difference between FACULTY and UTCINFO. Chuck Cantrell answered that the FACULTY list is moderated solely by the Provost's office. Chris Stewart stated that what was lost was the open discussion and the sense that was what a University is supposed to be about.

Jim Hiestand agreed with Chris Stewart. He wondered if UTCSTAFF could use a disclaimer. Gavin Townsend stated that this was brought up to the legal council.

8. Announcements:

Yvonne Kilpatrick stated that Deborah Arfken sends Community Calendars for all. There is a box near the door. Please pick one up on your way out.

9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Gretchen E. Potts  
Faculty Senate Secretary  
January 17, 2008**