

University Budget Committee Meeting
March 8, 2007

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations Richard Brown convened the meeting and called on Chancellor Roger Brown for opening comments. Chancellor Brown welcomed everyone and stated he was pleased to see the large number of people attending. In the past he has heard that people want more involvement with the budget process, but sometimes attendance is quite small at hearings; Chancellor Brown stated if anyone has suggestions on other ways to provide more involvement from the University community, please let him know. Chancellor Brown stated he had just returned from a UT Board of Trustees meeting in Martin, and we should not be expecting a big windfall of funding; therefore, critical funding choices will need to be made. He asked that everyone stay involved in the process.

Vice Chancellor Brown reviewed the divisional budget requests to date, along with a review of the budget approval process and calendar of remaining budget hearings: <http://www.utc.edu/~mary-scott/BudgetRequestSummary07-08.ppt>

The total requested to date is \$1,485,817 and includes University Advancement—\$185,000; Student Development--\$366,425 plus \$25 Student Health Fee; Finance, Operations and Information Technology--\$924,340; and the Chancellor's Office--\$10,052. Vice Chancellor Brown gave a summary report of the major line items in each unit's request for funding.

Vice Chancellor Brown called on Athletics Director Rick Hart, who presented the following presentation/request from his division: <http://www.utc.edu/~mary-scott/Ath07-08.ppt> AD Hart also called upon two student athletes, Lanni Marchant and Brandon Bellamy, and one former student athlete (current student assistant coach for the Lady Mocs basketball team), Nicole Mattison, to speak about their experiences at UTC.

Lanni Marchant was named the 2006 Southern Conference Runner of the Year this past cross country season and was a 2006 SoCon Commissioner's Medal recipient for producing a 3.5 or better GPA. Ms. Marchant stated she is from a family of 7 children, and her scholarship allowed her the opportunity to achieve her goals; she plans to attend law school upon completion of matriculation from UTC. She stated she has seen great improvements in the past 5 years in Athletic staff and facilities, and the planned Strength and Condition Center will provide much needed space which will allow the cross country team to be more competitive with other universities. She would like to see more attention paid to the smaller sports.

Brandon Bellamy started every game at offensive tackle last season for the football team and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Mr. Bellamy stated he could not have asked for a better experience than the one received at UTC. He will be the first in

his family to graduate from college, and he plans to attend graduate school. He spoke of the support he has received from the Athletics staff, peers, and the increasing support from the campus community. He spoke of the integrity of his teammates and the fine job Head Coach Rodney Allison has done to turn around the UTC football program. He also spoke of a negative experience he had in a classroom setting while only a freshman at UTC.

Nicole Mattison is a student assistant coach for the Lady Mocs basketball team and a four year letter winner for UTC and a two-time All Southern Conference honoree. She was a member of three SoCon Championship teams and NCAA Tournament teams. Ms. Mattison stated her scholarship gave her the ability to play at the collegiate level and earn her degree. She praised the wonderful Athletics staff and the support from fellow students and the community. She is also the first in her family to graduate from college. She stated she has seen improvements in Athletics, and the planned new facility will be very helpful to their program.

Mr. Hart reviewed the vision, mission, philosophy and values of the Athletics Division, along with their operating principles. He discussed the new competitive environment they are facing, along with internal challenges. He reviewed short-term and long-term goals for his division, and their 6 areas of excellence. Also reviewed were the successes of Athletics, including academic and fiduciary successes, and the value of Athletics to the University. He provided a capital projects wish list, and reviewed continuing challenges and needs of Athletics with proposed solutions. Their budget request for 2007-08 is \$869,978.67 and includes the following:

Men's Travel	\$185,113.00
Women's Travel	133,480.00
Men's Recruiting	49,185.00
Women's Recruiting	8,249.00
Men's Operations	160,192.75
Women's Operations	45,122.94
Admin. Operations	138,444.98
GIA Assistance	150,000.00
Grand Total	\$869,978.67

Mr. Hart stated the number 1 focus of Athletics is the student athlete. He expressed concern over lack of funding for athletes who have exhausted their scholarship but are still 20 or so hours away from graduation and cannot afford the tuition to complete their degree. Teresa Liedtka asked if the Hope Scholarship could be used if they meet the GPA requirements; Mr. Hart stated yes and that the NCAA also provided some

scholarships, but these did not address the needs of all student athletes. He also noted that the values of athletics tie into the Chancellor’s mission and goals for the university. Mr. Hart personally thanked Matt Pope for his seven years of leadership, and other members of the Athletics staff.

Chancellor Brown asked Mr. Hart if he had an update on “Live Streaming” of video as an alternative revenue potential. Mr. Hart stated they are now looking at RFPs for a strategic Internet partner for live broadcasts.

Vice Chancellor Richard Brown called on Dr. Herb Burhenn, Interim Provost, and Dr. David Pittenger, Associate Provost, for their presentation on Academic Affairs. Dr. Pittenger gave a brief report on the future implementation of the Banner Software System. He stated the software is a very sophisticated technology with a gigantic database that will be able to store all student information. The software will allow movement by movement tracking of students from the point of their initial high school contact with UTC. Students will be able to receive financial and academic data real-time. However, it will take an incredible amount of work to customize the system. He noted that our choice of the Banner software system is supported by the UT System and just what level or role the System will play is yet to be determined.

Dr. Pittenger and Dr. Burhenn then presented an overview of Academic Affairs, including their mission and achievements towards UTC’s strategic initiatives, along with their budget request for 2007-08. (Dr. Pittenger noted that the Chattanooga Yes scholarship is the former Deans Merit Scholarship and is now need based.) The total budget request for Academic Affairs for 2007-08 is \$2,542,036, and includes the following:

Raises and UCF Professor Rollovers	\$190,000
Final Adjustments for SIM and EdD	65,700
Rollover of Osborn Nursing Faculty	57,103
New Lecturers	291,600
Equity Adjustments	163,333
Adjunct Raise	100,00
New Faculty and Staff	150,000
Graduate Assistantships	300,000
ROTC	40,000
Children’s Center	250,000
Equipment	150,000
Technology Fee Roll over	150,000
Library e-access: TECH Fee	175,000

Library: Ed.D. Program	50,000
Library: Acquisitions-Inflation	160,000
Travel	250,000
Grand Total	\$2,542,736

The full presentation can be viewed at: <http://www.utc.edu/~mary-scott/AAoverview07-08.pdf>

Also presented was the three-year budget request for Academic Affairs for 2007-08: <http://www.utc.edu/~mary-scott/AABudget07-08.pdf>

Dr. Charles Nelson asked again why UTC could not have specialized lab fees to help contain departmental costs. This has been requested for several years, and he asked that serious consideration be given as the lab fees are necessary to sustain academic quality. Matt Greenwell stated that there is a perception that more support is given for administrative and athletic fees than for academic fees. He suggested a model whereby students could pay studio and lab fees on a course-by-course basis, and Dr. Nelson stated the average lab fee would be \$15. Dr. Burhenn stated he would support a lab fee if there was a reasonable expectation of approval. Five faculty members from Biological and Environmental Sciences expressed concern regarding fees requested for non academic areas and asked for support of a lab fee. Vice Chancellor Richard Brown stated that in the past the lab fee request has been carried forward but has been rejected by the System. He noted that generally the System response was to allocate the financial needs of Academic Affairs from general E & G support. Dr. Nelson stated that Knoxville has lab fees, so it was difficult to understand why they consistently have rejected a lab fee for UTC. Vice Chancellor Brown stated we will carry the request forward again and will make a strong argument for a UTC specialized lab fee.

Dr. Verbie Prevost stated that while she is supportive of a lab fee, many areas such as English have had a drastic increase in the number of students with no additional increase in funding.

Dr. John Freeman, Department Head of Graduate Studies in Education, gave an update on the Ed.D. program in Education: <http://www.utc.edu/~mary-scott/EdD.update07-08.ppt> Dr. Freeman stated this is not a traditional K-12 program, but one that will prepare leaders from various fields, including business and health care, by applying learning principles to leadership contexts. Dean Casavant questioned whether the program has been expanded to business, which could affect COBA's accreditation. Dr. Freeman stated they want to attract students from the business community who could benefit from the leadership skills component of their program, but they do not offer a business degree.

Dr. Dave Whitfield stated the SimCenter has been very successful in achieving their stated goals—the Center is self supporting (\$13M in research and \$1.5M in F & A), the Ph.D. program has exceeded expectations (14 Ph.D., 9 MS), and the THEC Center of Excellence is achieving more than its intended purpose. He gave an update on SimCenter research, partnerships, and future funding.

Chancellor Brown stated that he was proud of what Academic Affairs and Athletics have been able to achieve with the resources they have, and thanked everyone for attending this meeting.