

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA
FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

APRIL 18, 2002

**SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ROOM
UNIVERSITY CENTER**

Elected Members Present: Rob Bailey, Tom Bibler, Roland Carter, Susan Davidson, Joe Dumas, Fritz Efaw, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Diane Halstead, Karen Henderson, Jim Hiestand, Michael Jones, Vance Lesseig, Deborah McAllister, Claire McCullough, John Mies, Sarla Murgai, Marcia Noe, Teresa Norris, Vickie Petzko, Oralia Preble-Niemi, Verbie Prevost, Cheryl Robinson, Leland Robinson, Valerie Rutledge, Chris Stuart, Judith Wakim, Barbara Walton

Elected Members Absent: Linda Cundiff, Dawn Ford, Zibin Guo, Charles Knight, Irene Loomis, Joe Owino, Terry Walters

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sheila Delacroix, John Trimpey

Among the Guests Present: Jennifer Adams, Deborah Arfken, Fran Bender, Herb Burhenn, Audrey Canaff, Bruce Hutchinson, Lanny Janeksela, Phil Kazmersky, Joseph Kizza, Doug Kutz, Greg O'Dea, Brian O'Leary, John Phillips, Manuel Santiago, Mary Tanner, Sandy Zitkus

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 3: 04 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2002:
The minutes were approved as distributed.

Report from Committees:

Report from the Curriculum Committee

Dr. Bruce Hutchinson presented the following proposals for approval:

1. Proposal to offer a business administration minor. Dr. Charles White
2. Proposal for a new course in chemistry, Proteins and Nucleic Acids, Chem 467. Professor Manuel Santiago.
3. Proposal from communications on a catalog change in number of hours required. Dr. Kit Rushing
4. Proposal for new course in English, ENGL 325: Colonial and Post-Colonial Literature in English. Dr. Katherine Rehyansky
5. Two proposals from nursing, NURS 471: Nursing Case Management and NURS 472: Health Care Information Management. Dr. Kay Lindgren

6. Proposal from sociology to expand the sociology prerequisite option. Professor Teresa Norris

An additional proposal from occupational therapy was left out of the packet and will be reviewed by Faculty Council in the fall.

The motion to accept these proposals was moved by Dr. Tom Bibler and the second was by Dr. Oralia Preble-Niemi. There was no discussion. The vote was 19-0-0 in favor of passing the curriculum proposals.

Report from the Graduate School

Dean Deborah Arfken presented the following proposals for approval:

1. Proposal for a new course in nursing, NURS 571: Nursing Case Management as an elective and cross-listed as NURS 471 taught to undergraduate students.
2. Proposal from Guidance and Counseling to change the name of the degree from M.Ed.: Guidance and Counseling, to M.Ed.: Counseling.
3. Proposal from computer science for a new course CPSC 544: Computer Network Security.

The motion was made by Dr. Leland Robinson to accept these proposals as a package. Dr. Rutledge made the second for the motion. There was no discussion. The vote was 21-0-0 in favor of the passing these 3 proposals.

Report from the General Education Committee

Dr. Jim Hiestand read a recommendation from the committee which states that the following requirement for Non-Western Courses be removed: "All courses in Non-Western Cultures and Civilization require Western Humanities as a minimal prerequisite." This appears in both the catalog and the Green Book.

Dr. Steve Eskildsen gave a hearty "thanks!" Dr. Bibler approved the motion and the second was by Dr. Preble-Niemi. There was no discussion. The motion carried 21-0-0.

Report from the Admissions Committee

Dr. Dawn Ford, chair, was not present for the report. Dr. Ernst gave a brief report on what the committee had passed. The committee voted to change the admission qualifications for new transfer students. The new policy would require that students complete 12 semester hours of non-remedial coursework to exclude review of the high school GPA and standardized test scores (ACT or SAT).

Professor Norris - Does complete mean that they passed it?

Dr. Dumas - Or does it mean that they passed with a certain grade?

Dr. Ernst - Sandy, could they pass it with all D's?

Sandy Zitkus - They can pass it with D's. Also, if it is less than 12 hours, a high school transcript is required.

A friendly amendment was added to state at least 12 hours. The motion was approved with the friendly amendment.

Report from the Academic Standards Committee

Dr. Fran Bender read the recommendation from the committee. The Academic Standards Committee voted unanimously to make the distinction between "honors" and "highest honors" solely dependent on the candidate's GPA according to current standards (3.25

overall, 3.5 in the major for "honors"; 3.5 overall, 3.75 in the major for "highest honors"), so long as the candidate submits and successfully defends an acceptable Departmental Honors project.

Dr. Greg O'Dea spoke in support of this recommendation.

Dr. Preble-Niemi - Would this change the number of students receiving honors versus highest honors?

Dr. O'Dea – I don't think so. All honors program students have to do a project and stay within a certain GPA to remain in the program. What we have found under the current system is that examining committees are reluctant to give highest honors if the student has the minimum GPA for that designation.

The motion was passed by voice vote.

Report from the adhoc EDO/EDE Committee

Dr. Deborah McAllister gave a report from the handout included in the Faculty Council packets. A pre-survey was sent to faculty via email on raven and then through campus mail. The findings show that there is little consensus on what to do as far as making changes. This also held true for the committee. The number of faculty responding to the survey were 158 which is a return rate of about 42%. The minutes from the 7 committee meetings are on the Website. The general feeling was that the process was too cumbersome and needed to be streamlined. Many comments were made concerning exceptional merit. The majority of faculty that responded stated that they wanted to keep that designation.

(A lengthy discussion followed which was difficult to hear and transcribe from the tape.)
The motion to accept the recommendations from the committee was carried by voice vote.

Report from Departmental Honors Committee

Dr. John Phillips distributed the annual report to the council members. Dr. Preble-Niemi moved to approve the report as distributed. Dr. Joe Dumas gave the second. The report was approved by voice vote.

Administrative Reports

Provost Trimpey

Vice Chancellor Richard Brown is at the THEC meeting in Nashville today but we have had no word from him yet. The meeting has to do with funding, enrollment caps, expenditures of student monies for athletics, evaluation of closing low producing programs, the removal of all remediation education from all colleges and schools, etc. This is a major report. Stephanie Smullen sent an email about the THEC proposals out on raven.

Provost Trimpey stated that we were very close in making all the appropriate responses as requested to SACS and in completing the report.

Announcements

Dr. Efav raised the question about the smoking lounge in the Metro Building moved from the second floor to the former chapel on the 3rd floor. This is a smaller room and it

seems odd to move it to the chapel. Students prior to exams used the room. I don't believe that the smoking lounge is a good use of this space.

Dr. Halstead – This issue has been raised in Fletcher Hall as well; some have said that it is a state requirement there has to be a smoking lounge in every building. Others have disputed that notion.

Dr. Efav – I think it is a good idea to have a separate space for smokers, I'm just not sure that the present location is the best choice.

Dr. Ernst stated that this issue would be documented in the minutes and that further discussion would be continued with Vice Chancellor Brown.

Dr. Leland Robinson raised the question about the recommendations from the EDO committee. How will these be communicated back to administration?

Dr. Ernst commented that he would take care of that.

Dr. Ernst made the following announcements:

1. On April 23, the newly elected Faculty Council members will meet with those remaining on the Council at 1:00 PM. If you are a member that is going off the Council, organize the elections in your colleges. At this final meeting we will meet at 1:00 for election of officers, committees, etc. Next year we will be meeting in Fletcher Hall 100 due to refurbishing in this building.
2. Please remember to sign in on the attendance sheet.

Dr. Joe Dumas reminded members to sign the petition for keeping Bailey and McCallie as one way streets if that is what they wished.

Sheila Delacroix invited everyone to hear the first library speaker on Reading Day at 7:00 PM in the Chattanooga rooms of the University Center.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

Finally submitted,

Susan Davidson
Faculty Council Secretary