

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

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2002**

**FLETCHER HALL ROOM 100**

**Elected Members Present:** Mike Bell, Stephanie Bellar, Susan Davidson, Joe Dumas, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Dawn Ford, David Garrison, Phil Giffin, Matt Greenwell, Diane Halstead, Bill Harman, Karen Henderson, Jim Hiestand, Jason Kawall, Terri LeMoyne, Vance Lesseig, Anne Lindsey, Deborah McAllister, Gail Meyer, Teresa Norris, Teresa Norris, Burch Oglesby, Joe Owino, Oralia Preble-Niemi, Cheryl Robinson, Valerie Rutledge, John Trimpey, Randy Walker

**Elected Members Absent:** Lauri Hyers, Robert Marlowe, Vicki Petzko, Judith Wakim, Terry Walters, Barbara Walton

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Richard Brown, Sheila Delacroix, John Friedl, Bill Stacy

**Among the Guests Present:** Deborah Arfken, Karen Hunt, Ron Littlefield, Phil Lohr, Jeff Pfitzer, Ed Rozema, Mary Tanner

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM

**Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2002:**

There was a correction to the minutes by Dr. Joe Dumas at the bottom of page 2 to read that in about six months the Third St. Bridge would be closed for about a year for repairs. The secretary graciously allowed this change. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

**Report from Executive Committee:**

There will be a retreat at September 27 at 2:00 pm for the chairs of the Faculty Council committees and the Executive Committee at the Faculty Club. An email has been sent out to committee chairs about this meeting. The topic will be increasing the effectiveness of committees of the Faculty Council and ways that we can support the committees in their efforts. We will report back to the Council the results of this meeting.

We are trying to get the agenda for Faculty Council meetings out early so that you can seek input from your colleagues about issues of concern to the faculty. If you have any issues that need to be discussed, please inform a member of the Executive Committee so that we can get the item on the agenda.

### **Report from Curriculum Committee:**

Dr. Ed Rozema, chair, presented a proposal from Dr. Teresa Norris on number and name change for OT neurosciences from OCH 316: Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System to OCH 415: Neuroscience. The motion passed to accept the change with a vote of 25 – 0 – 0.

Dr. Rozema stated that the committee decided to accept curriculum proposals for the new catalogue until Reading Day this semester.

### **Report from Handbook Committee:**

Dr. Jim Hiestand, chair, made a correction to the distributed document of changes under new section 3.1.8.4 to state “university” instead of “universe”. Dr. Hiestand then reviewed the other recommended changes from the committee concerning nomination of the At-Large candidates, president election, and definitions of clinical faculty. Dr. Gail Meyer pointed out a discrepancy in the definitions of clinical assistant, clinical associate and clinical professor as far as credentials. It will be corrected to read the same for all three ranks. Clinical Instructor was not mentioned in this document. The Handbook Committee will need to review this category as well and report back to the Council. As far as the area of resignation, section 3.9.2, for faculty that retire during the fall semester, issue of pay equity, and middle of the semester resignations, the committee decided that these were legal issues and the committee would not address these issues. It was decided to vote on the document as a whole and not separate out the issues. The numbering will change accordingly as changes and additions are made to the Handbook. The motion to accept the changes as outlined by the Handbook Committee was voted on 27 – 0 – 0.

### **Administrative Reports**

No reports.

### **Old Business**

President Ernst reviewed the issue on opening Vine St. for special occasions.

Clarification of the vote was needed.

How many are opposed or against or not in favor of the reopening of Vine St.?

The vote was 29 – 0 – 1 opposed to the reopening of Vine Street.

### **New Business**

President Ernst discussed the “Council Focus of the Year” of items the Council would like to address this year such as changing the name of the council, etc. need more discussion, not just a rubber stamp on committee reports.

Election of Graduate Council Member

The Council determined to re-elect John Mies as representative to the Graduate Council.

### **Faculty Concerns**

Traffic Concerns Resolution from Dr. Joe Dumas

Dr. Dumas reviewed the resolution that had been distributed to Faculty Council members prior to the meeting. The resolution requests a reconsideration of the issue of changing

MLK Blvd. and McCallie Ave. from one-way to two-way streets. Some of the concerns mentioned were impact on air pollution due to traffic delays, the effect of the Third St. bridge repairs with detour routes through MLK Blvd. and Bailey Ave., TDOT has said it is a bad idea, the huge difference in cost as found by the Chattanooga City Engineers club, etc. The motion from Dr. Dumas to accept the resolution was supported with a second by Dr. Jim Hiestand.

President Ernst then opened the floor to the presentation of the issue from Karen Hundt, AICP, Director of the Planning & Design Studio and Jeff Pfitzer, Planner/Development Manager from the Department of Public Works from the City of Chattanooga. The PowerPoint presentation outlined 3 basic reasons why the city, the MLK neighborhood and UTC administration are supporting the change. One is to make the area a better place to live with products and services available to the residents; two is to make it a safer place for pedestrians and motorists and third to encourage economic development. The presentation outlined how the information was gathered to come to the conclusion that the traffic change was needed with projection of traffic patterns, parking issues, numerous public meetings, and input from a variety of interested groups, etc. They also addressed what they termed the misinformation about the project.

A representative from the MLK Neighborhood Association spoke about what the change will mean to the area and its residents and why they support it.

City Councilman Ron Littlefield then spoke a few words in support of the traffic change and mentioned that the City Council voted 9 – 0 in favor of this change which was a pretty unusual occurrence for the Council to be in such agreement.

Phil Lohr, a transportation engineer, gave the next presentation on why changing the traffic pattern is not a good idea. His overhead transparency presentation was entitled STOP, substantiate two-way option please. Mr. Lohr commented that he was not opposed to helping the involved neighborhoods, but as a taxpayer he wanted his money spent wisely and on legitimate and worthwhile concerns. He referenced two city reports done in 1998 and 2002 and gave his opinion on the discrepancies of the findings. He also pointed out that the most automobile accidents recorded for 99-00 took place at the intersection of MLK Blvd. and Pine St., which is a two-way street.

Elijah Cameron with the MLK Community Development Cooperation spoke in favor of the change. We need to revitalize the area.

President Ernst thanked the presenters for the information presented as well as the community speakers. He called for the vote on the resolution.

Dr. Anne Lindsey asked if it is appropriate for us as a Council to ask the City Council to reconsider this issue.

Dr. Joe Dumas stated that yes it is appropriate for the faculty to express an opinion just as the UTC administration has expressed an opinion.

President Ernst read the resolution and asked for the vote stating that this allows the faculty to have a voice in issues we consider important.

Dr. Harman asked for secret ballot voting. Dr. Hiestand concurred. Dr. Hiestand further commented that the purpose of streets is to move vehicles, that this will divide the

community. He stated that Buffalo, NY is reversing their two-way streets back to one-way streets.

Professor Matt Greenwell commented that as a university we talk about being a metropolitan university and need to reach out to the community; it seems odd that we are against it.

Dr. Joe Dumas stated that we live and work here; it is appropriate to voice an opinion; not everyone in MLK is for this change; many are against it; it is not an us versus them contest.

Provost Friedl commented on his 4 months in Chattanooga and living in UTC Place. He stated there is a feeling of isolation because there is nothing in the neighborhood as far as services; newspapers, groceries, clothing, entertainment, music stores, banks, etc. students are a captive population and need access to these services; not sure what the answer is; not to have services is a disservice.

Paper was distributed for the secret ballot voting. Ballots were counted by Dr. Anne Lindsey and Professor Matt Greenwell. The resolution was voted down with 18 votes against the resolution, 5 votes in favor of the resolution and 2 abstentions. The motion failed.

#### President Shumaker's Performance Expectations

Chancellor Stacy has given to President Ernst a copy of the performance goals for 2002 and 2003 that have been adopted by the UT Board of Trustees for President Shumaker. If anyone is interested in seeing these, they can contact President Ernst.

#### **Announcements**

None

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Submitted with a sigh of relief,

Susan Davidson  
Faculty Council Secretary