

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2003

FLETCHER HALL 100

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: Obasi Haki-Akan, Mike Bell, Stephanie Bellar, Susan Davidson, Joe Dumas, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Jane Fife, Dawn Ford, David Garrison, Phil Griffin, Matt Greenwell, Diane Halstead, Karen Henderson, Jim Hiestand, Lauri Hyers, Robin Lee, Terri LeMoyne, Vance Lesseig, Anne Lindsey, Gail Meyer, Teresa Norris, Burch Oglesby, Joe Owino, Gretchen Potts, Oralial Preble-Niemi, Cheryl Robinson, Valerie Rutledge, John Trimpey, Judith Wakim, Randy Walker, Terry Walters, Barbara Walton, Parthasarati Dileepan

ELECTED MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Harman, Jason Kawall, Deborah McAllister, Vickie Petzko, Sean Richards

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Brown, Sheila Delacroix, John Friedl, Richard MacDougall, Dan Quarles

AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT: Stephanie Smullen, Richard Casavant, Craig Laing, Tom Buchanan, Deborah Arfken, Shannon M. Smith, Jim Avery, Mary Tanner, Linda Cundiff, Talia Welsh, Larry Tillman, Cindy Carroll, Sandy Zitkus, Helen Eigenberg, Lee Harris, Herb Burhenn, Nicole Williams, Crystal Edwards, Courtney Pittman, Brenda Riggs, Devon Rogers, Jodi Phillips, Michelle freeman, Sarah Regg, Carolyn O'Connor, Kelli Reed, Mandy Hagie, Stacie M. Smith, April Westerfield, Kristen Townsend, Erin Beshear, Galen Janeksela, Jim Cunningham, Andy Drury, David Spittenger, Joel Baxley, Scott Rosenon, Stephen Williams, Leoric Watts

Call to Order:

The rowdy meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by President Ernst.

Approval of Minutes:

Professor Randy Walker moved with a second by Professor Matt Greenwell that the minutes be approved as written and distributed. The senate members wisely agreed.

Report from Executive Committee:

President Ernst gave a progress report on the distance learning project and academic standards.

Academic Report:**Provost**

Provost Friedl began his remarks by commenting that he was afraid to open the paper in the morning due to what latest information he might see concerning budget cuts. The Provost gave the following report on items that impact the budget significantly. Dr. Friedl mentioned that the numbers and figures he was presenting on overhead projection had changed several times since budget cuts had been mentioned. He commented he wasn't sure they wouldn't change again. The first chart showed the operating budget for Academic Affairs, \$33,078,158 of which 89% is dedicated to personnel, 9% to operating expenses and 2% to equipment (almost all of it library acquisitions). The target reduction for Academic Affairs for 2003-04 is \$2,219,300. The second chart showed 33 current vacancies, all frozen, with savings estimated at \$1.75 million. Additional savings can be achieved by freezing travel (\$453,000), and after we fund two tenure track lines currently on soft money, we still have a shortfall of about \$150,000. The third chart showed savings that can be achieved from restructuring HHS, which is estimated at \$277,000. The fourth & fifth charts showed a list of all positions currently frozen and a summary of the savings achieved from various categories of expenditures. Including the reorganization of HHS, the total would be \$2.34 million, or about \$130,000 more than our target reduction. Next came 3 slides looking at the costs (current & projected) of operating the OT program. Current costs are \$273,000. Projected costs with 4.5 FTE faculty, using an average salary of \$55,000 and a coordinator's \$75,000, would be \$411,000; with 6 FTE faculty and the same salary estimates, \$559,000. The next chart showed that if we do not restructure HHS and if we do not phase out OT but instead hire a coordinator and another faculty member (for a total of 4 – we currently have 2 on state funding and the third on soft money from the UC Foundation, which will end this year), we will be \$306,000 short of our target budget cut. The last chart showed that even with all of the projected savings and without hiring any faculty for OT, we will have only about \$130,000 available to hire new faculty for next year. He included 4 different scenarios, each addressing a different programmatic need, and showed that \$130,000 would not meet the cost of any one of those four needs. The examples used were for faculty in nursing, social work, computer science, music or hiring an engineering dean. The Provost then commented that Nashville is against a tuition increase, there is no contingency fund or shoebox full of money for us to dip into. As far as this year's budget, we are looking at returning anywhere from 2.5 – 5% of our budget to the state. Following this presentation, faculty senators were allowed to ask questions concerning issues raised. OT students in attendance were also allowed to comment

Report from Curriculum Committee:

Professor Ed Rozema reported on the committee's decision to not support Provost Friedl's proposal to close the OT program. A secret ballot vote of senators was conducted with the vote being 23 for and 8 against supporting the Friedl proposal to close the OT program.

Report from the Graduate School:

Professor Deborah Arfken presented a proposal entitled, Post-Master's Certificate: School Leadership for Consideration. The proposal was approved with a vote of 24-0-0.

Report from Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee report then continued with the following 15 proposals presented for consideration:

HECO – Changes within Interior Design Option

SCEA – Arts Integration

English – Revisions Engl 277, 278, 279

Philosophy – Western Philosophical Traditions I & II

Computer Sci – BS in Info Systems

Women’s Studies – Adding Social Work 250 to Women’s Studies minor

Theatre & Sp – New Courses in Theatre and Speech

Engineering – Revise ENMR 442 & 443

Music – Editorial Change to Catalog

Music – Piano Repertoire Courses

Music – Revisions to BM degree in Sacred Music

Music – Editorial change to catalog: Theory Proficiency Exam

EHLS – Revision EHLS Dept. Fitness/Wellness Specialist Major

EHLS – Phasing out of EHLS Dept. Cardiopulmonary Rehab major

EHLS – New Activity class additions

The senate vote was 24-0-0 for approval of all 15 proposals.

Adjournment

Since the hour was late and we showed signs of fatigue, President Ernst closed the meeting at 4:46 PM.

Submitted with exhaustion

Susan Davidson

Faculty Senate Secretary

p.s. The Readers Digest version is: we met, we talked, we voted, to be continued.....