

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

MARCH 20, 2003

FLETCHER HALL 100

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

Obasi Haki-Akan, Mike Bell, Stephanie Bellar, Susan Davidson, Parthasarati Dileepan, Joe Dumas, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Jane Fife, Dawn Ford, David Garrison, Phil Giffin, Bill Harman, Jim Hiestand, Vance Lesseig, Deborah McAllister, Teresa Norris, Burch Oglesby, Vickie Petzko, Gretchen Potts, Oralia Preble-Niemi, Sean Richards, Valerie Rutledge, John Trimpey, Judith Wakim, Randy Walker, Terry Walters, Barbara Walton

ELECTED MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matt Greenwell, Diane Halstead, Karen Henderson, Lauri Hyers, Jason Kawall, Robin Lee, Terri LeMoyne, Anne Lindsey, Gail Meyer, Joe Owino, Cheryl Robinson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Brown, Sheila Delacroix, John Friedl, Dan Quarles, Bill Stacy

AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT:

Farhad Raiszadeh, Edward Rozema, Sandy Zitkus, Deborah Arfken, Phil Kazemersky, Verbie Prevost

Call to Order:

The meeting began at 3:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were distributed at the meeting for March 6. Correction made that Professor Barbara Walton was present at the March 6 meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Report from the Executive Committee:

President Ernst made some comments about the breakfast meeting this week with the Chancellor, Provost, and UT President Shumaker. President Shumaker confirmed that he is interested in UTC and our concerns. The Executive Committee is waiting for the end of year committee reports which will be forthcoming in a few short weeks.

Report from the Undergraduate Committee:

Professor Rozema presented 1 proposal from the Curriculum Committee for approval. The proposal was from the School of Nursing to change clinical course credit hours and sequencing of nursing courses. The proposal passed with a vote of 25-0-0.

Report from the Graduate School:

Dean Arfken presented the following proposals for approval.

1. Proposal for a new graduate course BMKT 563 E-Business: Managing the Strategic Marketing Process
2. Community Counseling Program Admission Test Requirements: Adding the Miller Analogies Test as an option
3. English: Proposal for a certificate in writing/rhetoric; Addition and revision of rhetoric/writing courses; and Change in admission requirements for the MA in English
4. EHLS: Addition of new courses in MS Health & Human Performance; Name change EHLS 578; New concentration Clinical Exercise Physiology; and Revision of concentration Worksite Health & Productivity

Professor Jim Hiestand asked for the impact on resources for the EHLS proposal. An explanation was given that since an undergraduate program was being eliminated due to low enrollment numbers, the faculty could handle the workload in this proposal.

The proposals passed with a vote of 24-0-1.

Report from Budget & Economic Status Committee

A handout was distributed by the chair, Professor Farhad Raiszadeh. The subject was recognition of faculty for exceptional performance. The Committee recommends a) If the administration cannot commit to continuing the additional compensation for future recipients, the proposal should not be considered. The committee recommends that recognition of "Meritorious" performance become a cost forwarding item in the University budget. (In other words, there is some money available for last years recipients, don't give it to them unless there is a guarantee that future recipients will get some too). b) Any regular compensation for such awards should be implemented beginning with the academic year during which the policy is adopted. c) The administration should make every effort to compensate the past recipients that have not been financially compensated proportional to the new policy. d) Given the current budget situation, the committee suggests considering to seek UC Foundation or outside funding sources to address this issue, particularly for the past recipients.

Discussion followed as to what does this mean? What is the effect of endorsing or not endorsing? Does it do away with the EDO? What effect will this have on the money available for last year's recipients? Professor Raiszadeh commented that the faculty won't have faith if it is not done every year. The committee did not address the money available for last year. They concentrated on the issue of consistency year to year. President Ernst reminded the Senate that this doesn't just affect faculty, this includes staff as well. There is approximately \$100,000 available for last years recipients. What is the Senate's vote? The ayes carried the motion to support the committee's recommendation.

Administrative Report

Chancellor Stacy had no report. In fact, he was speechless.

Provost Friedl commented on the breakfast meeting with President Shumaker. THEC is looking at changing degree requirements to 120 credit hours for a bachelors degree and 60 hours for an associate degree. THEC will reject new programs that do not reflect this change in credit hours. Professor Walker commented that it appears that the administration is making faculty decisions. Provost Friedl stated that the driving force is economic, not academic. Chancellor Stacy commented that the voice of the faculty is important in this issue. President Ernst stated that the proposal will go to the Academic Standards Committee and then will come to the Senate for vote.

Faculty Concerns

Professor Steve Eskildsen commented that it was still too hot on campus. (At that precise and fortuitous moment, Vice Chancellor Brown entered the room). He commented that there was a leak in the underground cooling system and that it should be fixed by 6:00 PM.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM.

Submitted with a joyous shout!

Susan Davidson
Faculty Senate Secretary

And we are counting down...

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