

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

APRIL 3, 2003

FLETCHER HALL 100

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephanie Bellar, Susan Davidson, Parthasarati Dileepan, Joe Dumas, Dawn Ford, David Garrison, Phil Giffin, Matt Greenwell, Karen Henderson, Jim Hiestand, Robin Lee, Terri LeMoyné, Vance Lesseig, Anne Lindsey, Deborah McAllister, Gail Meyer, Teresa Norris, Vickie Petzko, Oralia Preble-Niemi, Valerie Rutledge, John Trimpey, Randy Walker, Barbara Walton

ELECTED MEMBERS ABSENT:

Obasi Haki-Akan, Mike Bell, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Jane Fife, Diane Halstead, Bill Harman, Lauri Hyers, Jason Kawall, Burch Oglesby, Gretchen Potts, Sean Richards, Cheryl Robinson, Judith Wakim, Terry Walters

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Brown, Sheila Delacroix, John Friedl, Bill Stacy

AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT:

Eileen Meagher, Mary Tanner, Phil Kazemersky, Deborah Arfken, Hetb Burhenn

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Preble-Niemi at 3:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of March 20, 2003 were approved as distributed.

Report from Student Services Task Force:

Dean Ellen Neufeldt displayed a powerpoint presentation of what the task force is, who the members are, and what its purpose is. Dean Neufeldt asked the senate members for input on how to make service to our students even better. A comment she made several times in asking for input had to do with "How do we make a good university, great?" Dr. Meyer distributed yellow and green index cards for senate members to use in giving input. Yellow cards for what we do well at the university and green cards for what we need to improve. The cards were collected at the end of the meeting or to be sent to Dr. Meyer via campus mail.

Report from Budget & Economic Status Committee:

No one present to give a report.

Report from the Executive Committee:

Dr. Preble-Niemi announced that based on the vote of senate members, the \$1,000 bonus will not be distributed to faculty this year.

She also announced that the deadline for submitting requests for committee assignments for the 2003-04 academic year is tomorrow. Several members stated they had not received the message sent out on raven for signing up. Senate members were instructed to go to the web site, click on committees, then click on committee form and print out the form with their requests and send to Dr. Preble-Niemi.

Report from the Graduate School:

Dr. Eileen Meagher presented the following proposals for approval.

1. Deletions and changes in the Industrial Engineering Graduate Program – passed with a vote of 22-0-0.
2. Change in thesis requirements. Proposed is: The original and two copies of the approved thesis must be submitted to the dean of the Graduate School for final approval and binding one month to the first day of scheduled final examinations for the term in which the student expects to receive credit in the thesis course. This is a change from one copy. – passed 22-0-0.
3. Proposal for the initiation of a new degree program: Doctor of philosophy in computational engineering – passed 22-0-0

Report from the Handbook Committee:

Dr. Jim Hiestand presented the draft revision of the sexual harassment policy that members had received prior to the meeting. An extremely lively discussion ensued concerning the pros and cons of the draft revision. (The secretary was so busy listening to the discussion that she did not write names to go with comments.) Needless to say, several good points were made and several were disputed with the end result being that the vote was to send the policy back to committee, 18-2-0.

The revisions to Section 2.3.7.4 on Standing Committee Descriptions made changes to Academic Standards Committee, Bookstore Committee, Departmental Honors Committee and Scholarship Committee were approved as distributed.

Administrative Report

Chancellor

No report.

Provost

Dr. Friedl reported that the draft of the academic strategic plan had been posted on raven. He encouraged everyone to read and submit comments.

Vice Chancellor

Mr. Brown reported that the capital projects were on target and that hopefully by now the buildings were cooler.

Faculty Concerns

None

Announcements

Professor Greenwell mentioned a senior exhibition would be taking place at Kress Galleries.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Submitted with a great to do,

Susan Davidson

Faculty Senate Secretary (only 2 more meetings)

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