

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

**APRIL 17, 2003**

**FLETCHER HALL 100**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stephanie Bellar, Susan Davidson, Joe Dumas, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Jane Fife, David Garrison, Phil Giffin, Jim Hiestand, Lauri Hyers, Terri LeMoyné, Vance Lesseig, Anne Lindsey, Deborah McAllister, Gail Meyer, Burch Oglesby, Joe Owino, Vickie Petzko, Oralia Preble-Niemi, Cheryl Robinson, Valerie Rutledge, John Trimpey, Judith Wakim, Randy Walker, Gretchen Potts, Parthasarati Dileepan

**ELECTED MEMBERS ABSENT:** Obasi Haki-Akan, Mike Bell, Dawn Ford, Matt Greenwell, Diane Halstead, Bill Harman, Karen Henderson, Jason Kawall, Robin Lee, Teresa Norris, Sean Richards, Terry Walters, Barbara Walton

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sheila Delacroix, Richard MacDougall, Dan Quarles

**AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT:** Harriet Wichowski, Kit Rushing, Farhad Raiszadeh, Deborah Arfken, Eileen Meagher, Jonathan Mies, Herb Burhenn, Linda Orth

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Ernst at 3:02 PM.

**Report from Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:**

President Ernst explained to the Senate that the Curriculum Committee did not get some of the proposals distributed in time for review according to regulations. He commented that these are non-contentious proposals. It was asked if the Faculty Senate would be willing to consider those at this meeting. Due to some objections regarding procedure, the proposals were deferred to the first fall meeting of the Faculty Senate.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of April 3, 2003 were approved as distributed. Dr. Stephanie Bellar has agreed to accept the Faculty Senate secretary position that Dr. Susan Davidson is leaving. (What no tears?!!)

**Report from Executive Committee:**

The presidents of the various faculty/senates throughout Tennessee met with President Shumaker in Nashville and had a wide-ranging discussion. One of the concerns was the library resources on all campuses, access to other libraries, etc. President Shumaker has agreed to put the library as an item on the scorecard. He will put performance goals on library improvement. He is committed to getting a statewide virtual library. He has also agreed to advocate for putting University libraries as a line item in the state budget. The reorganization of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville is nearing completion with a new chancellor. He is indicating that Tullahoma will be moving away from space into more of an applied science and technology unit. The next meeting with President Shumaker will be in June.

The budget meetings of the university are drawing to a close. Professor's Raiszadeh and Rozema, along with part of the faculty budget committee spoke to the budget committee about faculty salaries and the need for improvements in operational budgets. There is an issue floating on campus on concerning extra service pay. The Provost assured us that he is waiting on a proposed document coming down from the research office of the system regarding extra service pay. Knoxville has hired a consultant to come in and take a look at extra service pay. When that proposed document arrives, or when there is a definitive proposal regarding extra service pay, it will be discussed in faculty research committee and in the faculty senate.

On Tuesday, April 22nd, there will be a university faculty meeting. At that meeting the various academic units will elect representatives to the Faculty Senate. Some of the people leaving are: Oralia Preble-Niemi, Susan Davidson, Karen Henderson, Steve Eskildsen, Phil Giffin, Terry Walters, Dawn Ford, Diane Halstead, Vance Lesseig, Cheryl Robinson, Vickie Petzko, and Joe Owino. At large members, Deborah McAllister, Valerie Rutledge, Barbara Walton and Sheila Delacroix will no longer be with Faculty Senate. Also with the dissolution of the College of Health and Human Services, there will be a redistribution of membership representation. A number of Senate committees have not submitted their annual report. They are: Admissions, Athletics, Budget & Economics Status (report pending), Faculty Development Grants, Handbook, Grade Appeals, Honors Court, Library, Mediation, Part-time faculty, Petitions, Publications, and Student Rating of Faculty. The report does not need to be long, but we should have a report from each committee even if they did not to meet during the year.

**Report from Budget and Economic Status Committee:**

Professor Raiszadeh distributed a draft proposal for tuition parity with Knoxville. For years we have been having tuition increases less than our system can detect. The proposal suggests that UTC will set the sum total of tuition and fees for full time in-state undergraduate students equal to the sum total of tuition and fees by UTK for the same academic year. The tuition gap should be steadily closed over a period not to exceed 4 years ending academic year 2007-2008. Once this has been attained, it is to be maintained and increased at the same level as UTK from there on. From 1997-1998 academic year up to now, UTC full-time undergraduate tuition has ranged from 79% - 90% of UTK's. At the present time, it is at 82.4% of what Knoxville charges. It is speculated that initially we would have a decrease in enrollment, but after a couple of years the increase in enrollment would be great. Graduate programs were not discussed in

light of this proposal. A motion was made for the tuition gap to be steadily closed. Motion failed.

**Report from Academic Standards Committee:**

Professor Jonathan Mies presented a proposal to clarify the wording in the catalog regarding the policies and procedures on repeated courses. This clarification is recommended in response to a request from the Office of Records and Registration. “Provided prerequisites are met, students may replace a total of five grades of C or lower. The first five grades in one or more subjects may be replaced, but the total number of replaced grades cannot exceed five...” p. 27 of the 2002-03 catalog.

The other item from the committee was in the form of a resolution stating the committee’s objection to THEC’s new policy limiting graduation requirements of baccalaureate degrees to 120 hours.

This generated a rather lively discussion of the pros and cons of THEC, academic freedom, the intelligence of students now versus in years past, and of course that it boils down to the issue of money.

Needless to say, both motions passed.

**Report from the Graduate School:**

Professor Eileen Meagher presented to following two proposals from the Master of Science in Nursing degree, anesthesia concentration.

1. Change N547R Nurse Anesthesia Practicum and Seminar to a Pass/Fail course  
Proposal passed 20-0-0
2. Increase N547R Nurse Anesthesia Practicum and Seminar to 1-16 hours  
Proposal passed 20-0-0

**Report of CPR Revision:**

President Ernst stated that the CPR document had been sent out on raven. Input is being sought and welcomed. Professor Hiestand stated he had 4 comments and would forward them to President Ernst.

NOTE: At this time President Ernst left to go teach a class and turned the meeting over to Professor Preble-Niemi.

**Report from the Handbook Committee:**

Professor Hiestand distributed two recommendations for changes from the Handbook Committee.

The first had to do with the Student Rating of Faculty Instruction Committee and the second from the Curriculum Committee. The motion passed 19-0-0.

**Administrative Report:**

Vice Chancellor MacDougall gave a pitch for the smallpox vaccination program. The county needs approximately 2500 volunteers to assist if there is an outbreak of smallpox. If one case is identified, a mass program will be done to get everyone inoculated in the county. This is a federal mandate.

**Faculty Concerns**

None

**Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

And I am outta here!

Susan Davidson

Faculty Senate Secretary (for the very last time)

So long, farewell, auf weidersehn, goodbye!