

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

NOVEMBER 7, 2002

UTC PLACE

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bell, Susan Davidson, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Dawn Ford, David Garrison, Matt Greenwell, Bill Harman, Jim Hiestand, Vance Lesseig, Anne Lindsey, Deborah McAllister, Gail Meyer, Teresa Norris, Burch Oglesby, Oralia Preble-Niemi, Cheryl Robinson, John Trimpey, Randy Walker, Terry Walters, Barbara Walton

ELECTED MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bellar, Joe Dumas, Phil Giffin, Diane Halstead, Karen Henderson, Lauri Hyers, Jason Kawall, Terri LeMoyne, Joe Owino, Vickie Petzko, Valerie Rutledge, Judy Wakim

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Brown, Sheila Delacroix, John Friedl, Bill Stacy

AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT: Herb Burhenn, Lanny Janeksela, Farhad Raiszadeh, Ed Rozema, Mike Russell, Monty Wilson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. Dr. Ernst mentioned that tours of UTC Place would be available after the meeting today.

Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2002

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Report from Budget & Economics Status Committee

Dr. Farhad Raiszadeh reviewed the charges and purposes of the committee and what its responsibilities are for this year. The responsibilities are to study and report to the Faculty Council on the financial aspects of public higher education in Tennessee. This may include tuition increases and requests for tuition increases, faculty salaries and increases, state appropriations and budgetary matters. The committee is seeking clarification on some issues to be sure that they are not being redundant with other committees. UTC is currently being funded at only 85% of the THEC formula. Faculty sabbaticals are a big issue for discussion as well as salaries and compression issues. Several subcommittees have been formed and have met with the Provost already this year to seek clarification and direction in what needs to be addressed and accomplished this year. Dr. Raiszadeh left copies of the committee minutes for Council members.

Dr. Hiestand asked if the committee is frustrated. Dr. Ernst pledged that the Council would assist in any way to get these issues to the forefront.

Report from Curriculum Committee

Dr. Ed Rozema presented a proposal from the Department of Psychology and Dr. David Pittenger. The proposal requests revision of BA and BS Psychology degrees to begin effective fall 2003. Changes to the BS degree:

1. revision of PSY 201 from a 4-hour course to a 3-hour course with a required lab listed by a separate number
2. addition of PSY 203, a 1-hour lab course that serves as a corequisite for PSY 201
3. modification of prerequisites for upper-level courses listing PSY 201 as a requirement
4. modification of the major requirements to identify the addition of PSY 203

Changes to the BA degree:

1. changes to the requirements for the BA degree

Dr. Hiestand asked for clarification of the comment by Dr. Fry on the proposal cover sheet. She requested that the lab course indicate the department name; Statistics in Psychology. Dr. Rozema noted that this had been done.

The proposal passed with a vote of 20-0-0.

Dr. Ernst reminded Council members that the Curriculum Committee has requested that all items and proposals be sent to the committee by Reading Day.

Technology Presentation

Assistant Vice Chancellor Monty Wilson gave a power point presentation on the UT technology network and connectivity issues. This presentation outlined how technology has grown and changed not just campus wide but system wide as well. He presented the responsibilities and challenges of information technology on the UTC campus in regard to student and faculty needs and what the connection with the Oak Ridge lab could mean to us. The last slide summed it up by stating, "UTC Information Technology, Using technology to support faculty driving the UTC teaching, learning, and research train".

Report from the Library

Dean Delacroix gave a power point presentation on the redesign of the UTC serials access at the Lupton Library. This presentation gave interesting statistics on how rising costs, falling state support and changing user demands have affected library access to publications in any medium. Also mentioned, but not necessarily comforting, was that this situation is not unique to UTC but is a national concern with academic institutions. One great highlight to the presentation was that beginning January 2003, Lupton Library will provide free interlibrary loan to faculty and students. The library website will also be redesigned for easier access to electronic titles. Dean Delacroix is planning to meet with each department with a list of their library holdings and have them answer the question, "Where would you like to be?" In doing so, we will have to make some tough choices, but the opportunities are endless. Needless to say, this presentation prompted a number of questions. Dean Delacroix answered as many as she could and let Council members know that she would be giving this same presentation at the UTC faculty meeting next week.

Report from Executive Committee

Dr. Ernst let the Council know that the committee still exists and that a lot of work was being done in committees. Dr. Trimpey along with Dr. Ernst has agreed on a charge for the Task Force

on Admissions, Retention and Graduation. The Handbook Committee has begun its work on revision and development of the policies in the handbook. Dr. Preble-Niemi will represent us at the Council of Faculty Senates in Knoxville at a meeting with all the other presidents from the other campuses.

Administrative Reports

Chancellor Stacy

Dr. Stacy praised the presentations we had just seen and the conversations they had generated among Council members. He commented that we are always on the lookout for more resources to fund our needs. He said he looked forward to the day when we can double the size of the library and drill more holes in walls for Monty Wilson's computers. He commented on the opportunities available to us with having access to the Oak Ridge lab and the 8th fastest and biggest computer in the world.

SACS was here and we moved down from 21 recommendations to just a few thanks to Dr. Trimpey's help. We still need to address academic credentials in a few cases but we are doing it. Lupton funds are being spent. We will be starting a new round of grants for using this money soon.

A search for Vice President of University Advancement will be instituted shortly due to Dr. Kelley's phased retirement which begins in January. She will be with us only 2 days a week beginning then.

Elections are over and now we can begin conversations on the lottery process and allocation of college scholarships access.

NCAA certification continues and should have things ready by the end of the semester for the visit in June.

Provost Friedl

Dr. Friedl also thanked Dr. Trimpey for his assistance with responding to the SACS concerns. The doctoral program in physical therapy has been approved by the Board of Trustees and will go to THEC in January. Several committees have been organized and will shortly be beginning their work. One is the Strategic Planning for Academic Affairs Committee and the other is the Institutional Technology Planning Committee. Searches will be conducted for a Dean of Engineering & Computer Science and also for Dean of the Library. The Provost asked if we had heard of the reading project taking place in Chattanooga and encouraged faculty to get involved and vote for a book for the community to read and discuss. This is a movement that is occurring in communities across the nation to promote literacy and good citizenship.

Vice Chancellor Brown

Mr. Brown has been asked to serve on a THEC subcommittee which looks at funding athletics and another committee appointment by President Shumaker dealing with hiring and retention issues on our campuses. He stated that the building projects across campus are going well. Hooper Race renovations will start in about 60 days. Phase II is already funded and will begin soon. The new Wellness Center, a 12.2 million dollar project, has been approved by the Board of Trustees and we will begin the planning process for this soon. This is a student funded project funded by student fees. The United Way campaign has been a great success. We passed our goal of \$88,000 and have made it to \$92,000.

Dr. Greenwell asked for clarification about the academic credential situation with SACS. Dr. Stacy commented that there is conflict between the professional accreditation agencies and the regional accreditation agencies. SACS is changing their model, but we are still under the old review process and must respond accordingly. We have no choice. Dr. Stacy also mentioned that a final report should be arriving any day now and that we will have a week to respond. (The tape ran out at this point, so anything else that follows is purely a guess).

There was no old business or new business due to the lateness of the hour.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Submitted with great anxiety due to tape,

Susan Davidson
Faculty Council Secretary

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