

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

**NOVEMBER 21, 2002**

**FLETCHER ROOM 100**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Bell, Stephanie Bellar, Susan Davidson, Joe Dumas, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Jane Fife, Dawn Ford, David Garrison, Phil Giffin, Matt Greenwell, Diane Halstead, Karen Henderson, Jim Hiestand, Lauri Hyers, Terri LeMoyné, Anne Lindsey, Deborah McAllister, Oralia Preble-Niemi, Sean Richards, Cheryl Robinson, Valerie Rutledge, Judith Wakim, Randy Walker, Terry Walters

**ELECTED MEMBERS ABSENT:** Obasi Haki-Akan, Bill Harman, Jason Kawall, Vance Lesseig, Gail Meyer, Teresa Norris, Burch Oglesby, Joe Owino, Vickie Petzko, John Trimpey, Barbara Walton

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sheila Delacroix, John Friedl, Dan Quarles, Bill Stacy

**AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT:** Deborah Arfken, Roger Briley, Herb Burhenn, Ed Foster, Lanny Janeksela, Kay Lindgren, Eileen Meagher, Steve Sloan, Paul Watson

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Ernst at 3:03 PM. Dr. Ernst welcomed Professor Sean Richards from the College of Arts & Sciences as a new member to the Council. Dr. Ernst also mentioned that this would be the last meeting of the "Faculty Council". Beginning with the January meeting, we would be called "Faculty Senate". Changes in the agenda were made as follows.

**Report from Athletics Director Steve Sloan**

Director Sloan shared the philosophy of the athletic department with the Council. Several points mentioned were: never compromise the integrity of the department or UTC; the goal is to graduate all athletes; and have success in our athletic programs with meaning in that it is a good experience that endears the athlete to the university. Several guiding principles mentioned were: we believe that excellence is a process, not just an outcome or result; we believe that an organization will never be something that people are not; we believe a successful organization is always a reflection of the people in that organization; we believe that young people are our greatest natural resource, they are the reason that people have jobs in athletics; we believe in value based coaching, only a few schools nationwide are doing this; this means that the coach is the role model for the athletes and is responsible for his athletes as total people; responsible for them academically, their character, and a good influence and in teaching them as best he can athletically. Goals for the athletics department over the next five years are: to be the best mid

major athletics program in the country, mid major is a step below SEC, ACC, PCS conference schools; we plan to win the 1 AA national championship in football during this time frame (at this point Director Sloan stated “no, he was not nuts”); he used the women’s basketball team as an analogy and their having to play against 300 teams to win a national championship in comparison to football which has to play against only 120 teams to win a national championship; Chattanooga is the best city amongst those 120; we have a great university, great dorms, the best stadium, which puts us in a good position for recruiting. We will have a coach for football by December 6 and will get started on recruiting then.

A question was raised about the men’s basketball program. Director Sloan stated that in about a 3-4 year period the team will be outstanding. They recently have signed a 6’ 10” player and a 6’ 9” player under Coach Lebo and look forward to a good season. He then stated he needed to get back to interviews and recruiting a football coach since Dr. Ernst had turned them down. He stated they were considering using Dr. Ernst as a “stationery guard”.

### **Report from the NCAA Self-Study Committee**

Professor Paul Watson commented on the value based coaching mentioned by Director Sloan in that the NCAA is committed to being value based as well. The previous self-study was done in 1995-6. We are in the second cycle of the self-study right now. There are four subcommittees which respond to specific items in the self-study document. These committees are Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance chaired by Professor Leroy Fanning, Academic Integrity chaired by Professor Mike Jones, Fiscal Integrity chaired by Professor Bill Miller and Equity, Sportsmanship and Welfare chaired by Professor Debbie Ingram. The process occurs in 2 stages with collection of data beginning the first stage. We are almost finished with the first stage. Those sections are being written up. Evaluation and recommendations is the second stage which is really being done along with the first stage and so will go rather quickly. These four reports should be finished by the end of December. We will make available to the campus community the results of our findings and hope we will receive input before submitting the final report. The goal is to post these reports on the website and engage all interested parties in responding. Special recognition was given to Professor Eileen Meagher for giving her expertise in the writing of the document. We are committed to correcting any issues that arise during this process.

### **Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2002**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

### **Report from Graduate Council**

Professor Eileen Meagher presented the following proposals for approval:

1. School of Nursing – add N541 (2 hrs) to Anesthesia Concentration curriculum  
Motion passed 23 – 0 – 0
2. Engineering – MS in Engineering Concentration in Computational Engineering  
Motion passed 20 – 0 – 2

### **Report from Executive Committee**

President Ernst reported that the committee was waiting on committee reports.

### **Administrative Report Chancellor Stacy**

Dr. Stacy reported that the SACS special committee report had been received. Five additional items have been addressed by Dr's Friedl & Trimpey. Those items involved administration, support services, planning, assessment review, and questions on 16 faculty members teaching assignments. We have addressed these and have sent the report back to SACS. We anticipate a 5<sup>th</sup> year report which shows our progress.

### **Provost Friedl**

The Dean's Council is currently reviewing the sabbatical proposals and should have an announcement out on that. Also, tomorrow is Faculty Honor's Day in Patten Chapel at 2:00 PM.

Dr. Stacy mentioned that President Shumaker had presented a score card on the UT system at the last Board meeting. Each campus is expected to come up with their own goals in pursuing their mission which gives a clear indication on where we are headed.

Dr. Ernst mentioned that Dr. Friedl has pulled together a committee to work on our ten year strategic plan.

### **Other Business**

Dr. Ernst reported that the Southern Conference had scheduled a track meet during our finals week. After skillful protest from our representative along with other schools, the track meet date was changed so that there is no conflict.

The other business the Council needs to address is to appoint a representative to the Metro College advisory committee. Dr. Ernst asked for volunteers. (You could have heard a pin drop) Since no one responded, the Executive Committee will appoint someone and announce it at the next meeting.

### **Faculty Concerns**

Dean Delacroix thanked everyone for the response she has received following her presentation at Faculty Council and the UTC Faculty meeting. Twelve departments have made appointments with the library to talk about serials.

### **Announcements**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM, whew!

Submitted with all due respect,

Susan Davidson  
Faculty Council Secretary