

## *Minutes*

### THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

#### FACULTY SENATE

**November 10, 2009**  
**Freeman Auditorium**

**Members present (n=34):** Anita Airee, Vicki Baselski, Tiffany Bee, Howard Bromley, Joseph Callaway, F. Hammond Cole, Leilani Collins, George Cook, Patricia Cunningham, Rolland Dickerson, Janet Harrison, Peg Hartig, Detlef Heck, Amanda Howard-Thompson, Lisa Jennings, Eldridge Johnson, Karen Johnson, Abbas Kitabchi, Edward Lazarus, Michael McDonald, Richard Nollan, Rob Nolly, Karen Olson, Anthony Lynn Patterson, Tayabeh Pourmotabbed, Yeshwant Rawal, Rebecca Reynolds, Phillis Richey, Linda, Ross, Robert Schoumacher, Susan Senogles, Sidney Stein, Parker Suttle, SherryWebb, April Williams, Audrey Zucker-Levin

#### **Academic Affairs Representative:**

#### **Guest:**

**Members absent (n=43):** Ronald Adkins, Alexander Auchus, Harry Baddour, Joel Bessoff, Beth Bowman, Lawrence Brown, John Buolamwini, Jacqueline Burchum, Robert Canada, Patricia Cowan, Maggie DeBon, Martin Donaldson, Alejandro Dopico, Cecilia Dowsing-Adams, Marion Dugdale, Allen Edmonson, Allesia English, Zheng Fan, Amado Freire, David Hamilton, Edward Harris, Wyenona Hicks, Mary Ellen Hoehn, Monica Jablonski, Terreia Jones, Brian P. Kelly, Maurice Lewis, Alexander Matthew, Leslie McKeon, Abubakar Naida, Susan Nelly-Barnes, Tommie Norris, Helena Parfenova, Fabio Re, Sandeep Samant, Richard Smith, Lisa Tekell, Edwin Thomas, Shelly Timmons, Junling Wang, Glenn Wetzel, Thad Wilson, Bruce Woodworth, Nadeem Zafar

#### Pre-Meeting Speaker

Anthony Haynes, Associate Vice President and Director of State Relations addressed the faculty senate beginning with the political climate in Nashville:

- There is no bigger issue than the budget
- There will be a \$2 to \$3 billion shortfall when compared to 2 years ago
- Some Tennessee counties are up to 25% unemployment rate
- It will be 10 years before we see a return to spending in higher education
- UT needs to trim \$65-\$85million from the budget over the next two years.
- UTHSC is non-formula funded. Formula funding is for undergraduate schools
- Thus far higher education has been somewhat protected throughout the budget cuts.
- Tennessee has the second lowest graduation rate among all states in the country.
- We need to improve graduation rates
- UTC is above capacity for students

- UTK is at capacity
- UTHSC has the highest numbers in history
- All schools are experience a high student enrollment.
- Community colleges must be tapped for their ability to educate.
- For profit and proprietary school have retained effective, expensive lobbyists in Nashville want to pass legislation to directly articulate their programs with the public universities. TN has failed to regulate these schools. It would be difficult for the TN schools to measure quality of entering students if we allow this to happen. State dollars should not be sent to these non-state schools.
- Faculty need to be engaged and involved in the legislation
- Show up in numbers
- Work with the legislative resources committee, chaired by Martin Donaldson
- Legislative reports will be placed on blackboard for faculty to view

Anthony Haynes can be reached at the following if you have any questions or concerns  
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Call to order the meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the 10.13.09 faculty senate meeting were approved.

Announcements:

University of Tennessee and Tennessee Board of Regents Task Force Report:  
 A UT/TBR taskforce was formed by President Simek and the presidents of the BOR schools. They have been meeting over the past few months. Cheryl Scheid is the UTHSC representative. A report, which has been posted on the Faculty senate blackboard site, was given to the Governor. All faculty are encouraged to read it.

New Business

Faculty Handbook Review

We are working faster than the office of general council. Some of the items to discuss today have not been agreed upon by the OGC and there is a risk that they won't accept what we approve.

-- Sections 4

Changes to section 4 were introduced and discussed. After discussion a motion to accept section 4 was made by Karen Johnson, seconded by Lani Collins and approved by unanimous vote.

--Section 5

Changes to section 5 were introduced and discussed.

After discussion a motion to accept section 5 was made by Peg Hartig, seconded by Phyllis Richey and approved by a majority of votes; opposed by 3 votes.

Reports of Committees:

There were not committee reports

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm

Upcoming meetings

November 17 – FSEC and Committee Chairs with Chancellor Schwab -- 8:00 Hyman 101

December 3 – FSEC – 8:00 Hyman 101

December 8 – UTHSC Faculty Senate – 3:30 GEB 304

Minutes respectfully submitted by Audrey Zucker-Levin 11/23/09; reviewed and approved  
December 8, 2009.