

Minutes

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

FACULTY SENATE

March 9, 2010

GEB A304

Members present (n=26): Airee, Anita; Bowman, Beth; Brown, Lawrence; Buolamwini, John; Collins, Leilani; Crim, Susan; Donaldson, Martin; Hamilton, David; Hartig, Peg; Hicks, Wyenona; Jablonski, Monica; Jennings, Lisa; Kelly, Brian P.; Kitabchi, Abbas; Lewis, Maurice; Nollan, Richard; Norris, Tommie; Richey, Phyllis; Schoumacher, Robert; Senogles, Susan; Stein, Sidney; Wang, Junling; Wetzel, Glenn; Williams, April; Wilson, Thad; Zafar, Nadeem;

Via teleconference: Parker Suttle

Academic Affairs Representative: Cindy Russell

Members absent (n=54): Adkins, Ronald; Baddour, Harry; Baselski, Vicki; Bee, Tiffany; Bessoff, Joel; Bromley, Howard; Burchum, Jacqueline; Callaway, Joseph; Canada, Robert; Cole, F. Hammond; Cook, George; Cowan, Patricia; Cunningham, Patricia; DeBon, Maggie; Dickerson, Rolland; Dopico, Alejandro; Dowsing-Adams, Cecilia; Dugdale, Marion; Edmonson, Allen; English, Allesia; Fan, Zheng; Freire, Amado; Harris, Edward; Harrison, Janet; Heck, Detlef; Hoehn, Mary Ellen; Howard-Thompson, Amanda; Johnson, Eldridge; Johnson, Karen; Jones, Terreia; Lazarus, Edward; Matthew, Alexander; McDonald, Michael; McKeon, Leslie; Naida, Abubakar; Neeley-Barnes, Susan; Nolen, Ann; Nolly, Rob; Olson, Karen; Parfenova, Helena; Patterson, Anthony Lynn; Pourmotabbed, Tayabeh; Rawal, Yeshwant; Re, Fabio; Reynolds, Rebecca; Samant, Sandeep; Smith, Richard; Suttle, Parker D.; Thomas, Edwin; Timmons, Shelly; Webb, Sherry; Woodworth, Bruce; Zucker-Levin, Audrey

Pre-meeting Presentation: Michael Alston, Director, Office of Equity and Diversity

Student conduct issues discussed. Several Senators expressed concerns about prior issues with student threats. Mr. Alston clarified that handling of student behavior is directed by the initial path to report the behavior. For example, if concern starts within the college with Academic Dean, then the Academic Dean's investigation takes priority. Faculty were referred to "A Consultation and Intervention Decision Tree", found at <http://www.uthsc.edu/oed/studentconduct.php>. Processes for addressing concerns with troubled or disruptive students are laid out in detail. He emphasized the importance of following policies as stated.

FS Business Meeting

Call to Order: Vice President Nollan called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

No vote taken minutes for 2/9/2010. Not all Senators had received the minutes (questions arose about possibility of domain name change affecting delivery). Vote deferred to next meeting.

Announcements:

Report from the Board of Trustees Meeting (2/25-26)

- Differential tuition was approved for UTK Colleges of Business, Engineering, and Nursing
- The role of online classes and distance education got lots of discussion

- UTK will award an Honorary Degree to Al Gore in May
- UTHSC handbook revisions requiring board action were approved

UTHSC Faculty Handbook

- Lela Young, Cheryl Scheid, and Parker Suttle are working to develop a clean copy of the revised handbook. Parker will meet with Dr. Scheid next week, and should have the revised version completed soon.

Chancellor Search Committee

- Conference call tomorrow
- Candidate materials – March 19
- Candidate selection – March 29
- Initial interviews – April 14 & 15
- There are about 15 candidates, but could be more.

Search Committee for new UTHSC VC Chancellor for Research

- One candidate interviewed yesterday (3/8) from the internal search
- The committee will meet next week to vote on the candidate
- If an internal candidate fails to materialize, and external, national search will be conducted

Reports of Committees:

Faculty Affairs

- This committee is in the process of putting the upward evaluation survey for the campus.

Legislative Resources

- There will be a Day on the Hill this year in April, date to be decided. The chair will telephone conversation on Friday will talk to Anthony Haynes for more details.

Research Affairs

- Data gathered from Purchasing to identify research related equipment. Developing template to identify available research equipment. Committee will confirm presence and availability of equipment with chairs prior to distribution.

Education Policy – No report.

Budget and Benefits – No report.

Clinical Affairs – No report.

Faculty Research – No report.

Faculty Computing

- The domain name change has gone smoothly, but if anyone is still experience problems, cal the Help Desk
- There is now one access number for IT 448-2222, where there callers will get a menu
- Xythos is underutilized. We need additional training for faculty.

- It is a secure, HIPPA compliant application
- Meetings are now webcast, but still don't have a single URL, which for now changes for every meeting. Reminder that this link is for non-senators only. All senators are expected to attend mtg in person.

New Business:

UT Faculty Council

- We need to nominate and elect a tenured faculty member to serve as a representative from our campus. George Cook is the current representative and is eligible to serve a second term. The election for this position will take place at the April meeting. Send nominations to Audrey Zucker-Levin.
- Department elections of new senators (as needed) should be conducted in March. Notices will be sent out shortly.
- Items in progress
 - Ombudsman resolution – to full senate in April
 - Promotional Raise policy proposal (B&B Committee)
 - Upward Evaluation survey (Faculty Affairs Committee)
 - Lecture podcasting policy/guidelines (Education Policy Committee)

Upcoming Meetings:

March 16 – FSEC and committee chairs with Chancellor Schwab – 8:00 AM Hyman 101

April 1 – FSEC – 8:00 AM Hyman 101

April 13 – UTHSC Faculty Senate – 3:30 GEB 304

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vice President Richard Nollan and Senator Peg Thorman Hartig on 3.9.10, approved 04/13/2010.