

Minutes

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

FACULTY SENATE

January 12, 2016

GEB A204

Members present (n= 35*); Beranova, Sarka; Boughter, John; Braxton, Ashanti; Callahan, William; Choby, Beth; Cook, George; Cooper, Terry; Donaldson, Martin; Fan, Zheng; Gu, Weikuan; Hamilton, David; Hartig, Margaret; Hastings, Coleen; Head, Penny; Hori, Rod; Jain, Vinay; Joshi, Vijaya; Kumar, Sajeesh; Ledbetter, Chris; Marion, Tony; McDonough, Sharon; Self, Tim; Spivey, Christina; Versluis, Antheunis; Lowe, Tau; Mathew, Alexander; McDonald, Michael; Rao, R.K.; Richey, Phyllis; Sun, Wen Lin; Williams, Regan; Williams, Richard; Williamson, Wes; Wilson, Thad; Wu, Zhaohui.

***Attendance by Adobe Connect and phone not recorded.**

Academic Affairs Representative: Gonzalez, Lori

Members absent (n=43): Airee, Anita; Accardo, Dwayne; Bensinger, Hallie; Brown, Jami; Bruijn, Lucy; Buckingham, Steven; Burton, Eddie; Christian, James; Craft, Robert; Diaz-Thomas, Alicia; Elbiad, Tammam; Emerson, Stacy; Gosmonova, Elvira; Grandas, Oscar; Gray, Richard Ian; Haberman, Brent; Hamby, Ellen; Hatten, Marie; Ismail, Mohammad; Karydis, Anastasios; Koshy, Santhosh; Lazarus, Edward; Levin, Michael; Malakoff, Gary; Martin, Dan; McCoy, Elisha; Mutrie, Lauren; Noyes, William; Nelson, Eric; Phebus, Jeff; Ragain, Jr., James; Rinsdale, Lisa A; Scroggs, Reese; Sebelik, Merry; Shafi, Nadeem; Sharp, Jackie; Stegman, Elaine; Talati, Ajay; Thomas, Fridtjof; Vanatta, Jason; Wang, Junling; Webb, Sherry; Yates, Ryan; Zhang, Jie.

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1. Call to order by President Wilson: 4:01 PM
 2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 13th Faculty Senate meeting were approved.
 3. Committee reports:
 - a. The Faculty Research Committee is setting up a grant review committee. They are also proposing a 1.5% F&A return to PI's. A faculty research database will be set up. The space committee report will be out soon.
 - b. The Computing and Technology Committee has proposed a resolution that the FSEC has approved regarding updates of infrastructure (Resolution attached.)
 4. New Business.
 - a. George Cook was nominated by the FSEC to be chair of Faculty Affairs Committee. The Senate affirmed the nomination by a voice vote.

b. Resolution to Upgrade the UTHSC Network Infrastructure. The UTHSC network is slow because of an aging infrastructure. It has not been upgraded appropriately because of a lack of funding. Hardware is the most basic problem. The College of Dentistry brought this to the C&T committee because of problems with patient care. Dental records are all electronic records and digital imaging dental X-rays. At times dentists can't pull up patients' records or view dental images because of problems with the network. The College of Medicine does not have the same problem because their records are kept on Hospital servers. The resolution read by Richey. (ATTACHED). Motion to approve was made by Hartig and seconded by Donaldson. The resolution was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted, George A. Cook, Secretary, UTHSC Faculty Senate (approved February 16, 2016)

Upcoming meetings:

FSEC meeting with the Chancellor – February 16th, 8:00 AM in Hyman 101

FSEC and Chairs – March 3rd, 8:00 AM in MSB 201

Next Faculty Senate meeting – March 8th, 4:00 PM in GEB A204

The resolution on network infrastructure is attached.

Resolution by the UTHSC Faculty Senate
Approved January 7, 2016 by the FSEC
Approved January 12, 2016 by the UTHSC Senate

Whereas: successful day-to-day operation of the UTHSC community requires that UTHSC information and computing technologies operate at their maximal capacity and optimal efficiency, and

Whereas: existing computing and network infrastructure is neither operating at its maximal capacity nor its optimal efficiency because of limitations imposed by aging and obsolete equipment, and

Whereas: these limitations of the system result in slower operating times and in some instances, lack of service availability which may directly affect patient treatment outcomes by limiting or delaying adequate access to information including digital images,

Whereas: such system limitations are already having a negative impact on patient care in particular for the College of Dentistry, which is dependent on the UTHSC computing system for electronic health records and radiographic images, and

Whereas: the lack of timely network access to information and images may have direct impact on the educational training of future UTHSC professionals and researchers needed to meet the healthcare needs of the people of the state of Tennessee,

Therefore, be it resolved; that the UTHSC Faculty Senate requests that all necessary physical improvements be made, as expeditiously as possible, to the computing and network infrastructure of the UTHSC campus in order to meet the demands for standards of care for patients and for education training of students and residents throughout the UT healthcare system.