

*Minutes*  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

**FACULTY SENATE**

**March 13, 2012**  
**GEB A304**

**Members present (n= 17):** Brown, Lawrence; Callaway, Joseph; Cole, F. Hammond; Collins, Leilani; Cook, George; Elberger, Andrea; Green, Brenda; Jennings, Lisa; Karydis, Anastasios; Martin, Dan; Norris, Tommie; Pourmotabbed, Tayabeh; Rosenbush, Molly; Schoumacher, Robert; Parker, Suttle; Versluis Antheunis; Wetzell, Glenn

**Academic Affairs Representative:** Cindy Russell

**Members absent (n= 62):** Airee, Anita; Baselski, Vicki; Bee, Tiffany; Bowman, Beth; Braxton, Ashanti; Bromley, Howard; Beranova, Sarka; Canada, Brad; Christian, James; Cohen, Harris L; Cowan, Patricia; Cunningham, Melody; Das, Pranab; DeBon, Maggie; Donaldson, Martin; Hamilton, David; Harris, Edward; Hartig, Peg; Hasty, Karen; Headley Stacey; Hicks, Wyenona; Hoehm, Mary Ellen; Howard-Thompson, Amanda; Ismail, Mohammad Kashif; Jablonski, Monica; Jones, Terreia; Jordan, Irma; Kelly, Brian P.; Koshy, Santosh; Lazarus, Edward; Levin, Michael; Lewis, Maurice; Likes, Wendy; Lynch-Smith, Donna; Matthew, Alexander; McDonald, Michael; Mulvany, Ruth; Nolen, Ann; Nollan, Richard; Nolly, Rob; Parfenova, Elena; Patton, Susan; Phebus, Jeff; Re, Fabio; Sebelik, Merry; Senogles, Susan; Sharp, Marcia; Smith, Richard; Stegman, Elaine; Steketee, Jeff; Storm, Mike; Swanson, Joe; Talati, Ajay; Von Hapsburg, Deborah; Wan, Jim; Wang, Junling; Waters, Christopher; Webb, Sherry; Wicks, Tony; Wilson, Thad; Yataco, Jose; Zafar, Nadeem

Call to order: LB Brown, President, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from February 14, 2012 accepted without change. Minutes approved without change.

Announcements:

None

Unfinished Business:

- Handbook committee met last Thursday and finished review of the handbook to be sent for the Executive Committee's review and then on to the full Senate.
- Senators mentioned being requested to submit the Teaching and Tracking Tool during their annual review. This tool has not been approved but is still in the pilot process. The tool is being requested to further test but this year percent effort will not be assigned based on the tool.

Dr. Brown provided a link to the T3, [www.uthsc.edu/facsenate](http://www.uthsc.edu/facsenate). A link to the T3 is along the left navigation bar, Wiki for Tracking Educational Activities. Your NetID/Password is required to visit the site. Dr. Brown reviewed the tool, entertained questions, and indicated where comments could be made. Faculties were encouraged to continue to use the tool and submit comments.

- On February 2, 2012 information in the Strategic Plan was updated, fine-tuned and a draft document of the Strategic Plan is now available for distribution to alumni, donors, and other stakeholders for their input. It will come back to the Steering Committee for another review. Senators are asked to review the document, make comments and give them to the Faculty Senate President.

### Committee Reports

- Legislative Resources – (Martin Donaldson). No Report. Martin was attending the Day on the Hill activities.
- Clinical Affairs – (Tiffany Bee). The committee met on March 7 and tried to implement the Teaching Tool. Committee found some difficulties and Tiffany plans to bring it to the Teaching Tool Committee at their meeting on March 20.
- Budget and Benefits – (G. Cook). A member of the committee gave report. They met with Tony Ferrerer and were able to view and discuss viewed the \$5,400 Faculty Senate budget from last year.
- Education Policy – (J. Callaway). Committee met February 28. Dr. Russell informed the committee of a proposal for a new Orthoptist certification program through the department of Ophthalmology. Orthoptics is an ophthalmic field concerned with evaluation and treatment of patients with disorders of the visual system with an emphasis on binocular vision and eye movements. It would be a 2-year program that would typically accept 2 students per year.

Alicia Dorsey, director of InterProfessional Education and Clinical Simulation spoke about the SACS Accreditation process.

### Cindy Russell

- Faculty Affairs – (T. Norris). Senators were requested to ask colleges to participate in Upward Evaluation. The faculty affairs committee met at end of March to review upward evaluation quality improvement survey that will be sent after the upward evaluation survey closes March 30th. Ying will provide senate with over view of the survey but of course no specific data.

Also gaining access to buildings for visitors and/or guest lecturers was discussed. The F A committee will work with SAC committee to discuss concerns about hospitality for visiting professors.

- Research Affairs – (F. Pourmotabbed) – No Report

- Computing – (J. Swanson). Committee member provided report. She and Dr. Russell met in February to discuss the Faculty Resource webpage. Each chair will be asked to review pertinent sections of the webpage and make recommendation. Faculty/staff resource page, from the campus website should be reviewed for efficiency, accuracy, and appropriateness of the resources

Faculty procurement card discussion from the last committee meeting was discussed. Dr. Brown drafted a letter, reviewed by the Executive Committee of the faculty senate. A follow-up conversation took place with the chancellor who advised that changes deemed necessary would go under review for changes. Problems (grants missed, faculty left campus, experiments delayed, numbers transposed by office staff, etc.) with the procurement card should be sent to the Faculty Senate president who will then follow-up with the chancellor.

### **New Business**

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Meeting Adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Brenda F. Green