

Minutes

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

FACULTY SENATE

October 8, 2013

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Members present (n= 27) Ginna Betts; Bob Belland; Steven Buckingham; Eddie Burton; Joseph Callaway; George Cook; Terry Cooper; Maggie DeBon; Andrea Elberger; Brenda Green; Anastasios Karydis; Maurice Lewis; Donna Lynch-Smith; Dan Martin; Ann Nolen; Raj Raghow; Tim Self; Pat Speck; Cheryl Stegbauer; Jeff Steketee; Ajay Talati; Antheunis Versluis; Jim Wan, Christopher Waters; Richard Williams; Wes Williamson; Thad Wilson

Academic Affairs Representatives: Cheryl Scheid; Cindy Russell; Alicia Dorsey

Members absent (n= 53): Anita Airee; Matthew Allman; Sarka Beranova; Ashanti Braxton; Howard Bromley; James Christian; Harris L. Cohen; F. Hammond Cole; Robert Craft; Melody Cunningham; Alicia Diaz-Thomas; Heather Draper; Eldon Geisert; Elvira Gosmonova; Oscar Grandas; Richard Ian Gray; Weikuan Gu; David Hamilton; Marie Hatten; Stacey Headley; Song Hee Hong; Robert Hoover; Mohammad Kashif Ismail; Lisa Jennings; Patti Johnstone; Vijaya Joshi; Brian P. Kelly; Victor Kolade; Santhosh Koshy; Sajeesh Kumar; Edward Lazarus; Chris Ledbetter; Michael Levin; Alexander Matthew; Michael McDonald; Ann Michael; Robert Nolly; Elena Parfenova; Susan Patton; Vernon Punnington; Jeff Phebus; Cheryl Scott; Merry Sebelik; Jami Smith; Christian A. Spivey; Elaine Stegman; Stephanie Storgion; Junling Wang; Sherry Webb; Russell Wicks; JM (Mack) Worthington; Zhaohui Wu; Jie Zhang

Guests (n=1): Anthony Ferrara, Vice Chancellor-Finance & Operations

Faculty Senate President G. Cook began the meeting at: 3:05pm.

- A. Approval of September 10 Minutes-Approved
- B. Pre-meeting presentation on the UTHSC Budget from Vice Chancellor Tony Ferrara (see attached PowerPoint slides)
- C. Faculty Senate President's Report
 - Sessions for review of the strategic plan in October-25 spots available for the two times; requests to be sent to Alicia Dorsey
 - Update on Senators, FTE database, reapportionment-
The information is now posted on BB.
Matt Allman is new legislative Resource Chair. He has invited Anthony Haynes, Vice President for Government Relations and Advocacy to present to campus about how to lobby effectively: the dos and don'ts. (Nov. 5th, noon Freeman Auditorium)
 - Faculty Handbook review-
There is a process in place to finalize the changes in the Faculty Handbook Faculty Senate has requested to review latest version.

- HR policies, privacy-
The Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) is reviewing the Conflict of Interest form, particularly the first question. Most of the questions are standard and required by NIH/federal government. The FAC will determine if an action step is needed.
 - Suggested new Faculty Senate Committee Faculty-
The Chancellor has suggested the formation of a new faculty senate committee, Faculty and Staff Relations, to include Ken Brown as ex officio. The Faculty Executive Committee meeting (10.17.13), discussed overlap with the Budget and Benefits role. Two committees on campus also exist to address staff issues.
- D. Faculty Board of Trustees member report-Thad Wilson
- No report at this time. Upcoming meeting October 17 & 18 in Knoxville
- E. Faculty Council Representative Report
- Phyllis Richey to provide a monthly report
- F. Faculty Senate Committee Reports
- G. Budget and Benefits (report attached)

The B&B committee met with both VC Tony Ferrara and Chandra Alston, representing the Human Resource Department. Faculty who have research grants are encouraged to work out any issues beyond the use of the salary with the Business Manager in the Finance Department. Contact VC Ferrara if not resolved at this level. The committee recommended that VC Ferrara make a presentation to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to show changes over time and where the money is going.

Faculty Affairs Committee (report attached)

- Privacy Issue and COI form—working out language with Tony Ferrara
- Handbook-on hold till red line version
- Upward evaluation-no computer support currently; person left campus

Faculty Computing Committee

- Security concerns-including the communication of social security numbers
- Faculty access to software—go to Help Desk to have Adobe Installed
- Migration away from Windows XP—may not be supported

Research Committee-Issues discussed

- Bridge Funding
 - Review for grants
 - Government shutdown
- H. New business as properly presented
- Budgets and Benefits is requesting reports from each of the colleges on the Teaching Tool
- I. Announcements- Upcoming Meetings
October 15-FSEC with the Chancellor
November 7-FSEC
November 12-Faculty Senate
- J. Faculty Senate President G. Cook adjourned the meeting at: 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann H. Nolen
Secretary/Treasurer