



THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE  
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**FACULTY COUNCIL  
MEETING 25 - MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 3:00 p.m. – 4:15. m. CST**

A quorum of members of the Council met via videoconference.

**UT Faculty Council Members Present**

UTHSC	George Cook (Chair) Lawrence (LB) Brown (Faculty Senate President) Thad Wilson (Faculty Senate President-elect)
UTK	Vince Anfara (Faculty Senate President) David Patterson (Campus Representative) Toby Boulet (Board of Trustees Faculty member)
UTM	Mike McCullough (Faculty Senate President) Janet Wilbert (Board of Trustees Faculty member)
UTC	Lyn Miles (Campus Representative)
Guest(s)	Robert Nanney (UTM Faculty Senate President-elect) Jeff Rogers (UTM Faculty Senate President-elect-elect) Katie High (Interim VP for Academic Affairs and Student Success) India Lane (Asst. VP for Academic Affairs and Student Success)

**Call to Order at 3:00 p. m. CST**

**Approval of Minutes.**

Approval of the minutes from meeting 24, November 16, 2011 with the correction to India Lane's name. It was noted that the minutes from April 2011 and October 2011 are still missing.

**Order of Business**

**1. Review of Recommendations.**

George reported that since 2007, UTFC has made several recommendations that have been put forward to the various UT Presidents. (<http://web.utk.edu/~utfc/Recommendations.html>) On some occasions the recommendations have been acted upon and on others the recommendations have lost momentum or been lost altogether. George will go through the recommendations and try to identify those that need to be brought forward to Dr. DiPietro at the meeting in February.

**2. Legislative advocacy group (Hank Dye)**

Hank is putting this group together to improve the contact faculty (all employees) and students have with legislators. Jenna Wright will serve on this group from UTFC for 2012. The purpose is to provide guidance and training for these individuals so that they can be called upon to contact legislators on behalf of the UT System. The following brochure was created to help describe what this group is about. <http://tennessee.edu/govrelations/docs/UTAdvocacyBrochure.pdf>

Additional information and training presentations are being built on this page:

<http://tennessee.edu/govrelations/advocacy/>

### **3. Taskforce updates**

Several of the UTFC members present reflected on the taskforce process. All agreed that the task has been arduous, but worthy of our time and efforts. There was some concern as to the role the Napa Group was going to play when the taskforces submitted their final spreadsheets. It was agreed that no recommendation from a taskforce should be eliminated and that all action items should be seen by the Steering Committee

Hearing no additional agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm CST.

The next meeting will be at the UT Board of Trustees Meeting February 28th, 2012. There will be a dinner meeting on February 27th and UTFC will meet with Dr. DiPietro on the morning of the 28th.

Additional meetings will be on March 21st (videoconference), April 11th (in Nashville), May 16th (videoconference). The April meeting will have the election of a new Chair.

Respectfully submitted by  
Janet Wilbert