



THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE

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**FACULTY COUNCIL
MEETING 36 - Minutes
Wednesday, May 9, 2013, Nashville, TN
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

UT Faculty Council Voting Members (Quorum, 5 voting members)

UTHSC George Cook (Campus Representative) - Present
Thad Wilson (Faculty Senate President) - Present
UTK Steve Thomas (Faculty Senate President) - Present
David Patterson (Campus Representative) (UTFC Secretary) – Present
UTM Robert Nanney (Faculty Senate President) - Present
Jenna Wright (Campus Representative) – Present
UTC Deborah McAllister (Faculty Senate President) - Present
Ralph Covino (Campus Representative) - Present
Trustees (Ex-Officio voting)
Janet Wilbert (Board of Trustees Faculty member-Voting) (UTFC Chair) - Present
Vicki Steinberg (Board of Trustees Faculty member-nonVoting) - Present

UT Faculty Council Ex-Officio Non-voting Members

UT Dr. Joe DiPietro (System President) – Present
UT Dr. Katie High (System Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success) – Present

Faculty Council Guests

UTM Dr. Brian Donovanant (Faculty Senate President-elect)

Roll Call

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the February 27-28, 2013 minutes.

Minutes approved.

Brian Dovanant from UTM introduced.

Old Business

1. Charter and bylaws revisions

Janet sent out new revisions. Discussion of UTFC verses UFC. Revision to Bylaws accepted. Article 3, section D specifies the addition of Other Officers. Section 2 Meetings, D. Procedures (Newly Revised (latest edition) added. Article 4, Section 1, historical lines struck (gobblety goop removed). Signature of original document removed.) All revisions to the Bylaws accepted and approved as attached.

Charter-all revisions accepted and approved as attached.

Discussed the wisdom of creating an archive page. Katie will ask Missy to set up the page. Changes to the Charter approved. Steve moved to create an archive page and seconded by Vickie. Motion approved.

2. Consider aligning the dates of service with the BOT dates of June 1 to May 31
Janet- The Secretary and President serve through the June. George-The current situation is an anomaly.

Janet – Initiated the discussion of previous consideration of the scheduling of the AASS and the UFC pre-meeting. A general consideration of prioritizing the scheduling of the UFC meeting with the President’s ability to meet with the UFC ensued. Janet urged UFC members to remain sensitive to the costs of these meetings and campus administrations’ reaction to these costs.

New Business

1. Difficulty getting candidates to run for Faculty Senate

There is variation in terms and release times of Senate presidents across campus. Senate composition varies as well. Suggestion made that campus administrations could be urged to support service. The discipline of the Senate presidents affects the ability to find adjuncts to cover Senate president’s class. “Lack of taxi drivers in Chattanooga who can teach French.” (Vickie) Janet passed out a list of duties of Senate president at UTM. We discussed the possibility of courting strategies. Engagement of Provost in the courting process may be useful. Messages from the Chancellor may help to convince department heads to support service. There seems to be a need to support both the culture of the Senate’s inculcation of leaders and administrative (President, Chancellor, Provost) active articulation of the value of senate service. UTC has experienced significant growth of student population and turnover of faculty. HSC has a morning meeting with Chancellor on a monthly basis. There was the suggestion that department heads reward and acknowledge faculty service on the Senate committees. Janet- there is a lack of recognition of service on the campuses, Chancellors and Provost are not sufficiently supporting it, and Senate’s need to develop processes to develop and court leaders. Vickie and George will develop and distribute a potential resolution for the UFC on this matter. Deborah raised the issue that we are already evaluated for our service. Katie returned the discussion to the issue of service to the principles of shared governance. There is notable variation across campuses in the role and proportion of effort for service.

President DiPietro joined the discussion.

2. Funding of Sex Week

- a. Sex week schedule <http://sexweekut.org/schedule/>
- b. FSU – Step on Jesus controversy
<http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2013/04/02/essay-florida-atlantic-university-and-academic-freedom>
- c. UTHSC Red Door controversy with use of facilities
<http://www.wate.com/story/21801061/ut-says-decision-to-deny-facility-for-hivaid-conference-was-a-mistake>
- d. <http://senate.utk.edu/files/2012/08/FS-20130506-PresidentReport.pdf>
- e. <http://senate.utk.edu/files/2012/08/SW-Questions-20130426.pdf>

Janet- Knoxville issue – UT System will create a system wide review of policies. TN Senate education committee is holding a meeting on the issue of student activity fees. Discussed the history of freedom of speech suit over Dick Gregory and Timothy Leary. There is a distinction between student fees and non-

student fees money. SEAT was properly recognized as a student organization. Push back came from various sources including BOT members, alumni, and other constituents. There was the perception of endorsement of the content and therefore the funding was pulled. Pres. DiPietro suggested the Chancellor's staff need to look at their process. There will be an examination of the use of E&G funds that are appropriated for student activities. Academic freedom-no faculty were constrained from participation, however this was a student activity and not classroom speech. We need to be more proactive about the timing of controversial events.

Pres. DiPietro indicated canceling of the HIV conference (Red Door Conference) was a not a good idea. Admin. at HSC acted based on a misunderstanding of system policy. Action has been taken to make right on this miscommunications. Faculty were likely not engaged by the Red Door group.

Janet-"Katie, when you get your group together what will be doing?" Katie- We have not received our charge yet. We do not have any system in place to navigate the spectrum of requests from external groups.

3. Review of policies taskforces on each campus
4. Envisioning History (see attachment below)

Katie – David Milhorn approached about a project **Envisioning History: Geospatial and Geotemporal Technology and Beyond** by Rick Ector looking for volunteers from faculty to participate in this project. The respective Senate presidents disseminated information about this project.

New Topic – Katie – Potential topics for AASS - BOT June meeting - – Knoxville is making changes Faculty Handbook to include Practice Professional designation and a second non-specified change. Three topics to be addressed by AASS - new program (Masters in Fine Art – Creative Writing), maybe an honorary degree, and diversity report from UT Diversity Advisory Counsel. Other likely topics include P&T, academic inventory, and summer school. Advising Conference is being hosted in Nashville by AASS organized by India. It will be held noon to noon in September. Changes in bulk have a better chance of getting passed unaltered. UFC members will be invited.

Katie - Advising audits- Sandy Jansen will conduct an audit of advising practices on each campus in the coming year.

5. Budget (<http://advocacy.tennessee.edu/2013/04/19/state-legislature-passes-tn-budget/>)

Pres. DiPietro.- We have one of the best budgets of my time here. Knoxville will likely do something midyear regarding salary gaps. Governor has agreed to fully fund the formula in response to our agreement to hold tuition increases to under 6%. Nonformula units received a recommendation of 3% increase in funding. Public service and IA received 2% increase. \$24 million will be provided to UTK for transforming the coal plant to gas. \$1million for nursing at UTM.

UTK Engineering to grow by 20%. This is important to the state. May attempt to push the program to other campuses. Governor realizes the need for innovation.

UTK is competing for supercomputing funding. The Governor is supportive to the tune of \$5 million. St. Jude funding.

Pet Safe – Mr. Boyd is serving as a special advisor to the Governor on higher education. Pres. DiPietro. helped Boyd understand the curriculum change process.

Governor's Drive to 55 – by 2025 – 450,000 degrees by that date. Completing people who have started, re-tooling, improving the pathways, GED people.

Katie-Distance Ed. – MOOCs – **Coursera** – will enter into a contract to develop courses. Faculty will be invited to develop online courses to put online (GenEd). Will develop a process to evaluate differences between outcomes. Looking for faculty to do this summer. Only offered to students on our campuses. Not MOOCs. EDX is also being looked at. There is money from the state for this effort. Coursera has developed elaborate security processes. Pres. DiPietro – We need to make adjustments to disruptive innovation.

We discussed the issue of some type of differential tuition for innovative graduate programs. Sighted as an example of disruptive innovation.

6. Legislative issues

a. Guns in trunks legislation

Legislation passed-21 year old with a carry permit can bring firearm to campus and keep it in the trunk. There are 300,000 permit holder in TN. Will work with the Attorney General over the summer.

b. Counseling curriculum legislation

This issue will be studied this summer. <http://advocacy.tennessee.edu/legislative-issues/>
This would put accreditation at risk. This issue is likely to be back.

c. Proprietary schools and regional accreditation

Were able to knock this down. Look at the UT Advocacy website. Use a private email account.

Other Business

1. ***Tentative*** Next meeting June 19-20, 2013 in Knoxville with the Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion to adjourn passed

University of Tennessee Faculty Research and Teaching Opportunity

Envisioning History: Geospatial and Geotemporal Technology and Beyond

Videoconference on April x, 2013

Who: Select UT Faculty interested in digital humanities and application of technology to study or teach history (especially World War II era events) and related fields.

What: *Envisioning History is a non-profit organization promoting the use of advanced technologies in historical education and scholarship.* The organization is seeking professors and graduate students interested in experimenting with their platform in classroom or research settings and is offering an exclusive opportunity to the University of Tennessee. *Envisioning History has a few access accounts to the software available at no cost to interested scholars and educators.*

Interested faculty and graduate students are invited to learn about this opportunity in an upcoming videoconference. In this videoconference, Rick Ector, Executive Director, will demonstrate a form of advanced geospatial technology (the one used in tracking down Osama bin Laden) as applied to the study of the Battle of the Atlantic, a long and complex strategic struggle. **The software platform provides “big data” analysis of thousands of events,** ranging from strategic decision making to individual sailors, each entry fully traceable to documentary evidence.

When and Where: April xx, 2013 at o'clock, rooms to be determined on each campus

Why: Maximizing historical storytelling and investigation today requires skills and roles from multiple disciplines: historians, geographers, economists, education and communications specialists, information technologists, librarians, other scientists and engineers. Geotemporal representations, video, interactive graphics, four-dimensional video game-like visualizations and statistical analyses can give new insights to often-told stories. *Envisioning History* has acquired a platform that supplies the infrastructure and processes for educators and scholars and needs input and intellectual judgment from those groups to make the tools most useful.

Envisioning History is structured as the hub of an open collaborative of universities, museums and archives who supply digital data to a scholarship-grade database. Setting standards, conventions and ontologies, as well as developing intellectual property protocols, data validation, peer review and other processes requires participation from a wide range of expertise. **Envisioning History is seeking participation from interested parties to transparently develop a broadly accepted digital history standard. Attend this videoconference to see the possibilities in action and to consider participating in this exciting project.**

RSVP:

Questions? See www.EnvisioningHistory.org or contact Rick Ector at 423-240-1050