



THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE
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**FACULTY COUNCIL
MEETING 27 - MINUTES
Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 3:00 p. m. CST**

A quorum of members of the Council met by videoconference.

UT Faculty Council Members Present

UTHSC	George Cook (Chair) Lawrence (LB) Brown (Faculty Senate President) Thad Wilson (Campus Representative)
UTK	David Patterson (Faculty Senate President) Toby Boulet (Board of Trustees Faculty member)
UTM	Mike McCullough (Faculty Senate President) Jenna Wright (Campus Representative) Janet Wilbert (Board of Trustees Faculty member)
UTC	Vicki Steinberg (Faculty Senate President) Lyn Miles (Campus Representative)
Guest(s)	India Lane (Asst. VP for Academic Affairs and Student Success) Deborah McAllister (Faculty Senate President-elect)

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

Approval of Minutes.

Approval of Feb. 27, 2012 minutes. Motion by Miles, Boulet 2nd. Carried.

Approval of Jan 18, 2012 minutes with the addition of Lyn Miles Campus Representative. Motion by Miles, Boulet 2nd. Carried.

Approval of Oct. 2011 minutes with the addition of the roll (Jenna, Mike, George, Lyn, Vicki, Toby, Robert, David, India, Katie, LB, Thad) Motion by Wright to approve with amendment, Brown 2nd. Carried.

Approval of April 2011 minutes. Motion by Wright, Boulet 2nd. Carried

Order of Business

Membership:

Discussion of the membership corrections to be placed on the UTFc website. Corrections needed to be made to names and terms. Additionally, names were taken from those who will need name tags

Old Business:

1. Brown: Strategic Planning: Current version of the strategic plan has been sent to the chairs for feedback. Chairs were to send the plan out to their members. Take a close look.
Steering cmte meeting March 29

2. Faculty representation at BOT. India stated that this is a settled issue. The President is in support. AASS agenda can be sent out prior to the BOT meeting. Better voice for faculty at the BOT meeting. Make luncheon presentation, have Presidents talk at the lunch rather than at the BOT meeting. UTFc might have a voice with the BOT. The more we know the trustees, the better we can appreciate the struggles. It would be good to have a few minutes to get our faces in front of them. FS President's should also be included in the luncheons. India will look into this. Miles, ask the trustee leadership, "what are the ways it would be useful to them to interact with the faculty".
3. Budget meetings on each campus: DiPietro wanted to have budget meetings. He wanted faculty, staff and students involved in those meetings. These have not happened on the UTHSC campus. India said (previously) that we could have the "Ron's" talk to us about the budget, probably in the May videoconference. Lane said that they can talk about the big picture and not campus specific details. They will also be able to talk about the formula funding. UTHSC would like to know their funding formula. Patterson, asked that perhaps a resolution in support of the UTHSC and a discussion with DiPietro is in order.
4. Dept. Heads and Deans training: Lane, planning has started and should be started this summer.
5. Ombudsman: pursue this with the new President and what he feels about having one on each campus. Each campus should continue to push to have one.

New Business:

1. Employee Engagement survey. UTHSC has had a review. Lane indicated that we have not seen the response. Cook said that he was most interested in the "opportunities" from the faculty in shared governance and transparency.
2. New budgets: 2.5% across the board raise and there will be a tuition increase to support the raises. Governor continues to cut the budget and "give" raises. There has not been a decision made about merit or raises. Our old proposal about raises needs to be represented to the President.
3. Planning for the April 11th meeting in Nashville
4. UTFc website be moved from the UTK.edu to tennessee.edu. Lane will see about getting this done
5. Upward evaluations: Faculty worry about the confidentiality of the evaluations and the Deans knowing who wrote comments. Steinberg, what happens to the comments? Patterson, there should be a report back to the faculty in writing.
6. Brown: tool for T (teaching tracking tool) a metric that quantifies time teaching. Only relevant for the veterinary college or nursing. Helpful in evaluations.

Lane said that it would be best to send the questions to the President ahead of time. There will be video link to the campuses.

Next meeting April 11, 12:00 on. 3-5 with DiPietro. Lunch will be provided.

Respectfully submitted by
Janet Wilbert