



THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE

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UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL

Meeting 59
February 17, 2016
Videoconference

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

UTHSC	Thad Wilson (Faculty Senate President)	absent
	Phyllis A. Richey (Campus Representative)	present
UTK	Bruce MacLennan (Faculty Senate President)	present
	Candace White (Campus Representative)	present
UTM	Roberto Mancusi (Faculty Senate President)	present
	Robert Nanney (Campus Representative)	present
UTC	Susan Davidson (Faculty Senate President)	absent
	Elizabeth O'Brien (Campus Representative)	absent

Trustees (Ex-Officio voting)

	Brian W. Donavant (Board of Trustees faculty non-voting member)	present
	David A. Golden (Board of Trustees faculty non-voting member)	absent

UT Faculty Council Ex-Officio Non-voting Members

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

Faculty Council Guests

UT	India Lane (System Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success)	present
UTHSC	Terry Cooper (Faculty Senate President-elect)	present

Call to Order 4:02 PM EST by Brian Donavant

Minutes of January 27, 2016 were approved unanimously.

New Business

Zoom Access: Phyllis asked if it would be possible to have an 800 number for accessing Zoom, so that members would have a free call-in alternative to the Internet. India said she would find out from Jerry Riehl, who first set it up.

Automated Reports: Phyllis noted that the Envisions Cayuse system had replaced PAMS, and that it would save a lot of time to be able to specify reports to be generated from its information. Bruce asked whether the ELEMENTS system would satisfy this need, and Candace noted that the “automatic” data acquisition required a lot of manual correction. Brian said that they had the same problems with the Outreach system. Phyllis said that the issue is to differentiate all these time-wasting systems from the system-level tools that have the correct information and that are maintained by vendors. Katie said that the IT governance structure is organized around “communities of practice” at the system level. India asked what sorts of reports faculty would like. Katie and India will follow up on the issue.

CPR Committee: Katie reported that the CPR committee has worked together well, has met monthly since Sept., and has voted separately on the triggers, composition of CPR committees, the time frame, etc. Instead of exact wording, they have identified a series of “elements” to go into a policy. They are refining the elements now and will show them to Joe, who might take them as they are or ask the committee to put them together into a finished policy. After the committee has reviewed the refined elements, they will ask Joe how he wants them disseminated. Campuses can come up with their own CPR procedures, but there is a default procedure, and certain elements are mandatory. As the UFC representative on the committee, Phyllis asked at what point the UFC would be able to review them, and Katie answered that it is up to Joe, but that as handbook material, it will go to all the campuses. Candace noted that since it is going into the handbooks, each senate needs to look at it, review it, and potentially suggest changes. Katie remarked that Joe might think it has been reviewed enough, and Candace noted that it is a delegated authority of the senates. Phyllis asked whether UFC should request to see it, to have an opportunity to voice concerns, without asking to edit it. Katie noted that Joe would not do anything that didn’t involve the faculty, and Candace suggested that a review was in the spirit of transparency and shared governance.

Phyllis moved that after the CPR recommendations are finalized by the CPR committee, they should come to this body for review and discussion before moving forward. Candace seconded.

Brian noted that we have Phyllis and Susan as representatives on the committee, and suggested that Joe might not appreciate vetting after the committee had disbanded. Katie said the elements are not quite baked yet, but distributing them marked as “draft” should not be a problem, but she will double-check with Joe. Candace hoped that UFC would be able to see them by the next meeting, and recalled that there had been a lot of discussion this past year about the problem of policies coming down from on high. Terry asked whether the elements or the finished policy would be distributed, and Katie answered that if we wanted them by the next meeting, it would be the elements, but they are very clear, just not in sentence form.

The motion failed with a 3-3 vote.

Candace asked why those who had voted against the motion had done so. Brian explained that he is happy to have a discussion through our representatives and going to the President, but is concerned that asking him to put in another step would be alienating. Terry noted that the motion was to see the elements *before* it goes to the President. Brian said that it would be a late addition of another step, which might not be well received, and that it's better to work through our representatives at the front end. Roberto added that it would create more animosity. Candace said that, beyond getting the policy done, it will not automatically become Board policy when the committee is finished; it is a handbook change delegated to the faculty. Katie explained that it will have to go through the regular process, but that she wasn't sure of the exact procedure. Brian explained that he had no objection to sharing the information, and that UFC could recommend that the senates not vote in favor of the policy. Candace noted that there are two issues: whether UFC should have input and whether Joe will be upset. Brian observed that UFC has been involved via Phyllis and Susan, and that he is concerned about damaging our working relationship with Joe. Katie does not think Joe will have an issue with it, but will check. India observed that there are two unknowns: (1) the elements, which most of the group does not know, and (2) the process for the elements becoming policy and going to the Board. Both can be brought back to UFC. Katie added that she is confident they will come up with a process that is satisfactory to all. Candace noted that it would benefit Joe if he could say the policy had been vetted by all the senates. India asked, even if the Board can do it unilaterally, should they? Candace noted that we trust the current Board, but who knows what the future will bring? Katie agreed that process matters. She added that they hope to have language to take to the Board in June. If they can get the elements out by early next week, it might be advisable to circulate them and have a meeting if anything appears problematic.

Legislative Interference: Candace asked if the other senates were interested in a joint resolution regarding legislative interference. Katie asked whether there was any advocacy action, and Candace answered that there had been a lot at UTK. Katie added that Cary Whitworth does an update every Fri. afternoon. She volunteered to get information on legislative actions, **to be entered in these minutes.**

Military Credit: India reported that she is working with TBR to make sure that policies for accepting military credit are appropriate.

Next Meeting: Brian noted that UFC has a Mar. 16 videoconference scheduled, which is before the Board of Trustees meeting in Martin, and asked whether it is needed. Candace asked whether we could move it up a week, when we would have the CPR elements. Brian said he would circulate them by email and that a videoconference would not be needed. Our next official meeting would be with the Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce MacLennan
UFC Secretary