

Minutes

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

FACULTY SENATE

November 12, 2013

GEB A204

Members present (n= 32) Matthew Allman; Ginna Betts; Ashanti Braxton; Joseph Callaway; Terry Cooper; Maggie DeBon; Andrea Elberger; Elvira Gosmonova; Brenda Green; David Hamilton; Marie Hatten; Lisa Jennings; Anastasios Karydis; Sajeesh Kumar; Maurice Lewis; Ann Nolen; Susan Patton; Vernon Pennington; Jeff Phebus; Tim Self; Pat Speck; Christina Spivey; Cheryl Stegbauer; Elaine Stegman, Jeff Steketee; Ajay Talati; Antheunis Versluis; Christopher Waters; Russell Wicks; Richard Williams; Wes Williamson; Thad Wilson; Zhaohui Wu

Academic Affairs Representative: Alicia Dorsey

Members absent (n= 48): Anita Airee; Sarka Beranova; Bob Belland; Howard Bromley; Steven Buckingham; Eddie Burton; James Christian; Harris L. Cohen; F. Hammond Cole; George Cook; Robert Craft; Melody Cunningham; Alicia Diaz-Thomas; Heather Draper; Eldon Geisert; Oscar Grandas; Richard Ian Gray; Weikuan Gu; Stacey Headley; Song Hee Hong; Robert Hoover; Mohammad Kashif Ismail; Patti Johnstone; Vijaya Joshi; Brian P. Kelly; Victor Kolade; Santhosh Koshy; Edward Lazarus; Chris Ledbetter; Michael Levin; Donna Lynch-Smith; Dan Martin; Alexander Matthew; Michael McDonald; Ann Michael; Robert Nolly; Elena Parfenova; Raj Raghov; Cheryl Scott; Merry Sebelik; Jami Smith; Stephanie Storgion; Jim Wan; Junling Wang; Sherry Webb; JM (Mack) Worthington; Jie Zjang

Guests (n-0)

Call to Order:

President Cook called the meeting to order at 3pm.

Agenda

A. Approval of October 8th Minutes-Approved

B. Faculty Senate President's Report

- Faculty Handbook approval has made progress during the past five months and is expected to accelerate
- Checking on Bylaws—should be done by the time of SACS
- Maggie Debon requested that someone be Chair of the Research Committee
- Clinical Affairs Committee Chair still vacant. Pres. Cook will call a meeting to recruit a 'volunteer.'

C. Faculty Board of Trustee member report- Thad Wilson

Trustee meeting after last Senate meeting-Question of how this system addresses a salary gap issue and how effective the system is. Thad would like to see if there is a problem. If so, needs to be addressed.

D. Faculty Council Representative-Phyllis Richey

Next month report

E. Faculty Senate Committee Reports

Budget and Benefits-Andrea

- Working with Faculty Research Committee regarding grant pay gaps
- Family Medical Leave-who should apply and the use of sick and annual leave. University required by law to offer FMLA but employee not required to use if have sick and annual leave. Faculty encouraged to ask clarifying questions and work with HR.

Education and Academic Affairs-Jay Callahan

- No new issues because of freeze on all new programs
- CASA-Committee on Academic and Student Affairs –Jay

Faculty Affairs Committee

- COI document- FAC is concerned about the first question on the COI which asks the faculty member to provide information about leadership positions held in any outside organization. Tony Ferrara recommended checking the web for comparable documents.
- New program and new people for upward evaluation; execution may require problem solving. FSEC will discuss and vote on this next meeting.

Faculty Computing Committee-No official Report

- Dr. Johannes (Jan)van der Aa in IT has attended meetings and is responsive to queries
- Xythos recommended for storing large documents

Faculty Research Committee

- Credit documentation for PIs with COP discussed- an accreditation issue
- Lebonheur has a rich data base which is being made available to access—look for details in the Research Notebook

Legislative Resource Committee

- Anthony Haynes, VP of Government Affairs spoke Nov 5th
- Potential topics in the legislature covered
- No new funding projected due to revenue status being low
- Feb 19th UT Legislative Day on the Hill

New Business

- Quorum requires 20 senators
- Chris Waters made the motion to move meeting back to 4pm and this was seconded by several people. Motion passed.
- Strategic Plan on the agenda for Dec 10 Faculty Senate meeting

F. Next Meeting

FSEC w/Chancellor	Nov 19
FSEC	Dec 6 th
Faculty Senate	Dec 10th

G. Adjournment

President Cook adjourned the meeting at 3:58pm