

(Approved 4 September 2002)

Minutes of the Faculty Assembly Meeting April 17, 2002

Present: Bomar, Caruthers, Coleman, Collins, Crater, Davis, Jensen, Joseph, Kimble, Kupershmidt, W. Lewis, Moulden, Muehlhauser, Petersen, Parigger, Pujol, Schulz, Sheth, Smith, Solies, Steinhoff, Whitehead.

Absent: Antar, Chen, Dahotre, Engels, Flandro, Garrison, Hailey, Keefer, Kimberlin J. Lewis, M. H. McCay, T. D. McCay, Merkle, Shahrokhi, Stellar, Vakili.

Meeting began at 10:03 am in E-113 with Solies presiding. *A quorum was present.*

1) ExComm – Solies

The ExComm met the previous Wednesday to plan the agenda and select nominees for the 2002-2003 standing committees.

2) Elections – Nominations Committee

a) President-Elect

Davis and Kimberlin had been nominated by the Committee. When additional nominations were requested from the floor, Parigger volunteered to be a candidate. Davis was elected with 10 votes compared to Kimberlin's 7 and Parigger's 1

b) Executive Committee

Antar, Collins, W. Lewis, and Smith had been nominated by the Committee. On the first ballot Collins was elected with 14 votes while W. Lewis, Smith and Antar received 11, 10, and 3 respectively. In a runoff between W. Lewis and Smith, W. Lewis was elected with 10 votes compared to Smith's 7.

c) Secretary

The only candidate, Joseph, was elected unanimously.

d) Standing Committees

All standing committee nominations provided by the ExComm were approved unanimously with the exception of those for the Faculty Affairs and Nominations Committees.

i) From the floor Kupershmidt was nominated for the Faculty Affairs Committee joining the original nominees Shahrokhi, J. Lewis and Bomar. Bomar, J. Lewis and Kupershmidt were elected.

ii) Hailey, Crater and Kupershmidt had been nominated for the Nominations Committee; Kupershmidt's name was withdrawn and those of J. Lewis and Shahrokhi were added from the floor. Hailey, Crater, and J. Lewis were elected.

A complete list of officers and standing committees for 2002-2003 is attached.

3) UTSI Reports

Bomar reported that the Prados committee had met the previous day for 2.5 hours and that a preliminary report might be out in about a week. The Prados committee was still waiting for input from the Kraft committee. Caruthers indicated that the Kraft committee had only reached the stage of developing a skeleton report. It had been concluded that a business development person was needed at UTSI as soon as possible. Schulz agreed to seek out Kraft to see if his committee would be willing to have direct input from UTSI faculty.

4) Education

Recruiting – Pujol

21 campuses have been visited to recruit students for UTSI. Most student applications

are now available on the Web for faculty to see; seven more need to be scanned for the Web.

Faculty Evaluation – Caruthers

Crabtree has set down an evaluation procedure for UTSI faculty which involves both the Vice Provost and Provost at UTK. It follows the UTK procedure as close as possible with UTSI looking like a department at UTK. The Dean for Research at UTSI will not be directly involved in the evaluation process at UTSI but may provide information during the evaluation. The department heads at UTK are not involved in the process.

Unsatisfactory performance ratings will require agreement from above via the Vice Provost and Provost. Starting in Fall 2002 cumulative reviews will be performed on a five year schedule like those at UTK.

5) Budget – Jensen

UTSI is still in the red by about \$350K for the year. Student fees are down by \$100K and both short course and overhead recoveries are also down for the year. Spring faculty effort certification will be due soon. Budget hearings for next FY will begin next week with a beginning 5% reduction in place. All funds in faculty research accounts may be carried forward except for travel funds. The \$61 K rent for the Pellissippi Parkway Building has been paid for this year only.

6) Research – Muehlhauser

Muehlhauser reminded faculty to coordinate their visits with Congressional offices through the UT Federal Relations Office. A letter on this subject had been received from the President's Office and would be sent to all faculty. UT has a professional lobbying group in Washington, D.C. now. A one page project description can be forwarded through the UT Federal Relations Board to the lobbying group for appraisal. A sample one pager was passed out for faculty reference.

7) Student Affairs – Peterson

The Aero Club is being revitalized through the efforts of a number of people at UTSI. SGA is concerned about the very low number of students at UTSI and the small number of new students being recruited.

8) Bylaws – Whitehead

Whitehead as chair of the Bylaws Committee indicated that he would try to remedy the Assembly's chronic quorum problem by redefining the quorum in terms of the number of *active* members.

9) Library – Moulden

Moulden indicated that a survey of journal use would be conducted soon to guide the library's journal ordering for next year.

10) COO Report – Caruthers

Caruthers urged faculty to cooperate with the UT Federal Relations Office so that it can assist both UT and UTSI in making Congressional contacts. UTSI needs special attention because of its present status, especially with regard to coal-gasification work and the automotive initiative.

UTSI and ORNL were felt to have a number of common interests: computational algorithms, material science and biophysics. Support for cooperative efforts with ORNL had support from the very top of the organization. It was felt that these efforts might lead to funding for UTSI of perhaps up to \$5 M over the long term.

11) Retired Faculty in Faculty Assembly – Kupersmidt

Kupersmidt expressed the desire to utilize the expertise of retired faculty in the Faculty Assembly by altering the bylaws to admit them to some type of membership. A motion was made by Steinhoff and seconded by Kupersmidt that all faculty emeriti be asked to attend Assembly meetings as nonvoting members. The motion was defeated 9 to 7. A second motion was made by Whitehead and seconded by Davis to invite K. C. Reddy to attend Faculty Assembly meetings. The motion passed

unanimously. Solies agreed to send Reddy a letter informing him of the Assembly's invitation.

12) Legal Issues if UTSI Closes - W. Lewis

W. Lewis had consulted with the AAUP and lawyers to ascertain whether the locus of tenure for faculty at UTSI resides at UTSI or UT. It was felt that if UT is involved in the tenure process in any fashion then tenure is at UT. If faculty at UTSI want to test the tenure issue, should UTSI close, it would be best to form a bargaining unit at UTSI since individual faculty have had little success in obtaining a favorable decision in such matters.

13) The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Joseph
Assembly Secretary
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Executive Committee for 2002-2003

- President -- R. J. Schulz
- Secretary -- R. D. Joseph
- Past President -- U. P. Solies
- President-elect -- L. M. Davis
- C. L. Merkle(2003)
- A. C. Sheth(2003)
- F. G. Collins(2004)
- W. D. Lewis (2004)

Standing Committees for 2002-2003 (*Chair)

Budget	Antar(2003), Smith(2004) , Coleman (2005)
Bylaws	Whitehead*, Moulden, Coleman
Education	Caruthers*, Crater, Hailey, Joseph, Kimberlin or Collins, M. H. McCay, Schulz, Sheth, Whitehead
Faculty Affairs	J.Lewis, Bomar, Kupershmidt
Library	Kimble(2003), Bomar(2003), Kimberlin(2003), Stellar (2004), Chen (2004), Parigger (2004)
Nominations	Hailey, Crater, J.Lewis
Research	Antar, Bomar, Flandro, Keefer, Merkle, Muehlhauser, Sheth, Steinhoff, Stellar, Vakili, Whitehead
Student Affairs	Flandro, Merkle, Steinhoff