

(Approved 22 Jan. 2003)

Minutes of the Faculty Assembly Meeting October 16, 2002

Present: Caruthers, Coleman, Crater, Davis, Garrison, Jensen, Joseph, M. H. McCay, Merkle, Moulden, Muehlhauser, Petersen, Pujol, Schulz, Sheth, Smith, Solies, Whitehead.

Absent: Antar, Bomar, Chen, Collins, Dahotre, Flandro, Hailey, Keefer, Kimberlin, Kimble, Kupersmidt, J. Lewis, Parigger, Shahrokhi, Steinhoff, Vakili.

Meeting began at 10:05 am in Room H-111 with Schulz presiding.

A quorum was not present.

1) Executive Committee – Schulz

The ExComm met the previous Wednesday to prepare the agenda for the present meeting.

2) Education – Pujol, Caruthers

Pujol reported that recruiting trips had been made during the fall resulting in a number of prospects for the graduate program at UTSI. Included were visits to the Greater Baltimore Area Career Consortium, Mississippi State, Louisiana State, University of Memphis, Tennessee Tech, University of the South, Vanderbilt, Syracuse, Binghamton University, Texas Tech, and various universities in Alabama. Faculty were encouraged to look at the prospects' applications on the web, especially those for material science and electrical engineering.

Caruthers announced that Bart Stewart had arranged for graduate students from TSU to study in an AFROTC program at UTSI through the support of the AF at AEDC. The AF will pay \$12K/year to support the research of each of 6 students in the program starting in the Spring 2003. To expand the course offering in Chemical Engineering at UTSI a number of additional Chem E courses will be offered via distance education from UTK. The new UTSI recruiting brochure is in the final stages of preparation.

3) COO Report – Caruthers

- a) A budget presentation was made to THEC, which included academic cooperation with TN Tech, TSU, MTSU, Memphis and UTK. It was well received by THEC.
- b) The reception for President Shumaker at UTSI in September had not been possible due to scheduling problems. It was hoped to reschedule it in October before the Board of Trustees meeting on October 25.
- c) The Kraft Committee report is being finalized; it may help President Shumaker make his decision concerning UTSI. It is believed that Shumaker

also has access to some draft version of the Prados report and the UTSI vision statement prepared by Caruthers.

A quorum of 16 was achieved.

4) Minutes of September 4, 2002

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sheth and seconded by Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Budget – Smith, Jensen

Jensen with consultation with Smith had prepared pie charts illustrating the percent of FY 2002 total revenue and expenditures attributable to the various categories of interest to the faculty. This information was distributed and questions were answered concerning items in the various categories.

6) Research – Muehlhauser, Garrison

Muehlhauser reported that:

- a) The AF Task Order is expected to remain at \$400K.
- b) A UT Research Foundation proposal is being prepared by T. D. McCay at the request of President Shumaker.
- c) M. H. McCay's LISI project has been plused up \$1M.

Garrison announced that he is working on an NSF EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) proposal to provide infrastructure grants to those states under represented in Federal R&D funding. The initial proposal is for a 6-9 month \$200K planning grant for Tennessee, but could lead to a total of \$9M for the state over 3 years. A draft was due by November 6.

7) Library – Crater

The Library Committee met and discussed the UTSI faculty's lack of access to the online journals available to faculty at UTK. Caruthers was requested to seek Provost Crabtree's help in obtaining UTSI faculty access to these online journals.

8) Bylaws – Whitehead

A number of items need attention so a report is expected at the next meeting.

9) The meeting adjourned at 10:51 am

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. Joseph
Assembly Secretary
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