

Minutes of the Faculty Assembly Meeting November 17, 2004

Faculty members present: John Caruthers, Horace Crater, Lloyd Davis, Ralph Kimberlin, Basil Antar, Chris Parigger, Al Pujol, K. C. Reddy, Atul Sheth, Peter Solies, Bruce Whitehead, Kenneth Kimble, George Garrison, Trevor Moulden, Joel Muehlhauser, Rich Ranaudo

Faculty not present: Gary Flandro, Joseph Majdalani, Monty Smith, Bruce Bomar, Narendra Dahotre, John Steinhoff, Y. L. Chen, Max Hailey, Boris Kupershmidt, Trevor Moeller, Roy Schulz, J. W. L. Lewis, Ahmad Vakili.

The faculty meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M.

The minutes from the 10/13/04 meeting were approved

Committee and other reports, old and new business:

- 1) There were no reports from the faculty committees (Library committee should add 6th member)
- 2) Dr. Caruthers:
 - a) Board of Trustees meeting and communications with Dr. Jack Britt. Sense was conveyed that UTSI will get more support from UT Administration to the extent that we focus more our resources to specific areas.
 - b) We will separate out Engineering management and Aviation systems as self sustaining units. The research units will be focused. (It was emphasized however that reducing UTSI to one department would not be beneficial.) research areas would be cross disciplinary and associate professors who could or would contribute to the focus area.
 - c) The Agricultural Institute was mentioned as a model on how to set up incentives. Awards would be for academic research, teaching, and for bringing in large dollar contracts. Dr. Caruthers emphasized that incentives given must be such that the main beneficiaries would be the programs, not just the individual.
 - d) It is essential that Math unit should be preserved, including occasional graduate students.
 - e) Time to be thinking about next years Quick Goethert lecturer.
- 3) Dr. Reddy: Interviews have taken place for materials position.
- 4) Dr. Muehlhauser:
 - a) At upcoming THEC meeting it is anticipated that there will be neither cuts or increases in UTSI budget (same for Centers of Excellence).
 - b) Four requests for Federal Ear-Marked funds will be made to our Federal contacts.
- 5) Dr. Garrison: He emphasized that when applying for NSF grants that one should be sure to notify the corresponding program director about the EPSCoR status of Tennessee universities. Two EPSCoR sponsored symposia are planned early in 2005. The first will be January 19/20 at MTSU on Computational Applications and the second is February 16/17 at TN Tech on Environmental Science and Engineering. Anyone interested in participating should contact Dr. Garrison (x529 or ggarriso@utsi.edu)

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