

## **Minutes of the Faculty Assembly Meeting**

November 15, 2006

Faculty members present: Chris Parigger, Horace Crater, Trevor Moulden, Lloyd Davis, Atul Sheth, Bruce Whitehead, Gary Flandro, Ahmad Vakili, Greg Sedrick, Trevor Moeller, Roy Schulz, Bruce Bomar, John Steinhoff, Bill Hofmeister.

Faculty not present: Peter Solies, Rich Ranaudo, Joel Muehlhauser, Stephen Corda, Y. L. Chen, Monty Smith, Basil Antar, Al Pujol, Joseph Majdalani, Narendra Dahotre, Boris Kupersmidt, Faculty Meetings will commence in promptly at 10:00. Future meetings: Jan. 17, 2007, Feb. 28, 2007, April 11, 2007.

Meeting was called to order at 10:03

1) Minutes from 10/11/06 meeting were approved

2) Reports from the Administration

Dr. Don Daniel: A number of items were related: Among them: Have 18 submitted applicants for MSE position, interviews to begin. Met with UT representative in Washington. Bart Gordon will become the chairman of the House Science and Technology committee. Met with President of MTSU and discussed possible cooperation between our two institutes. Report on revitalization plan (due 12/31) well under way. Combining continuing ed, recruiting and admission to avoid problems with having one deep in these individual units.

3) Old Business

Faculty By-Laws (Dr. Bruce Whitehead) Motion was discussed to (tentatively) approve the By-Laws. Item discussed is that we need to have a way of approving and establishing a Strategic Plan. Motion to table motion pending completion of Article VI was made. It was noted that final approval awaits input from Dr. Daniel. Future meeting will involve completion of item VI (on developing a procedure for establishing a strategic plan for the institute). Motion of postpone approved. Meeting scheduled for 11/29 at 10:00 in H-111.