

Approved Minutes of the Faculty Assembly Meeting
Sep 26, 2007

Faculty members present: Antar, Majdalani, Sedrick, Pujol, Crater, Morton, Vakili, Smith, Parigger, Hofmeister, Moeller, Daniel, Bomar, Bukley, Whitehead, Davis, Moulden, Schulz

Faculty not present: Steinhoff, Flandro, Ranaudo, Chen, Dahotre, Kupershmidt, Moulden, Corda, Solies, Jackson

1) The meeting was called to order at 10:10 with 18 members establishing a quorum.

2) Dr. Antar welcomed the new faculty: Drs. Angie Bukley, Denise Jackson, and Thad Morton.

3) Report from the Chief Operating Officer - D. Daniel.

Dr. Daniel made several announcements covering a broad range of topics. These include but are not limited to:

Congratulations to Dr. Lloyd Davis for becoming the new B. H. Goethert Professor.

Specifics regarding the Quick-Goethert Lecture.

The status of the cafeteria and its new management.

The status of the search for a VP for Finance. Plan to interview 3 applicants out of 30 that had applied.

New training programs spearheaded by Dr. Sedrick and Becky Stines.

The demolition of the coal fuel facility.

Setting up a retreat at the Gossick Leadership Center to define/revise UTSI's vision, mission, core values, and strategic plan.

4) Report from the Dean for Academic Affairs - B. Bomar.

Our student count has increased to 238, reflecting an upward increase of 20 from last year, thus leading to an overall increase of 75 from 3 years ago.

Our MABE and Aviation programs are to undergo a standard, internal review initiated by UTK. A minor in Computational Science is being established.

Possibility for a memorandum of understanding with Motlow College to enable GRAs at UTSI to teach at Motlow given the consent of their Major Advisors. Pros and cons were discussed.

In the wake of the VATEch tragedy, any troubled student, staff or faculty member should be referred to Dr. Bomar for counseling.

5) Report from the Assistant VP for Research - A. Bukley.

Our funding has increased from last year.

The office has changed its name to Office of Research.

Starting on October 1st, 2007, proposals must be submitted no later than 2 working days before the deadline.

The standard yellow form needs to be filled out and emailed to Joyce to keep track of proposals.

In the planned effort statement, target proposals are to be listed. At the end of the semester, a justification is to be provided, explaining how these goals were achieved/attempted.

6) Dr. Sedrick discussed an EPSCOR opportunity for which UTSI will be the primary institution. The project can potentially involve a state wide team and attract up to \$23M in the next 5 years. It will involve: energy related research, cyber infrastructure, and nanotechnology.

7) Minutes from 4/11/07 meeting were approved.

8) Dr. Antar reported on the status of our bylaws. A bylaws committee has been formed, including several members of last year's committee: Drs. Whitehead, Davis, Moulden, and Majdalani.

A request for revising the unapproved version of the bylaws was submitted to last year's Faculty Assembly President (Dr. Flandro) on April 27, 2007. Since no action was taken since that time, the new President (Dr. Antar) has requested that Dr. Daniel and his team would provide an amended version of the bylaws. It was agreed that a revised version of the bylaws be prepared by Dr. Daniel and be submitted to the Faculty at the January Faculty Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully,
Joe Majdalani