

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

September 23, 2009

Approved November 11, 2009

Members present: Sedrick, Jackson, Davis, Crater, Yue, Vakili, Parigger, Smith, Solies, Majdalani, Corda, Pujol, Hofmeister, Johnson, Antar, Muratore, McMinn.

Members not present: Ranaudo, Chen, Kupersmidt, Moulden, Moeller, Murray, Steinhoff.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM in H-111. A quorum was established. Dr. Parigger initiated the meeting by thanking Drs. Steinhoff and Majdalani for serving as Faculty Assembly President and Secretary in the previous AY.

2. The minutes of the April 18, 2009 meeting were voted on and approved. Also, a “friendly amendment” revision to the February 8, 2009 meeting (replace “classified” with “restricted” in item 5) was voted on and approved.

3. Report from the Faculty Assembly President – C. Parigger

Dr. Parigger recapped some of the events since the last Faculty Assembly meeting, including:

(a) A May 15 meeting of the Executive Committee with the UT Administration at the Tullahoma airport, (b) Dr. Angie Bukley’s leaving UTSI for France, (c) Drs. Bomar’s, Whitehead’s, and Flandro’s retirements, and Dr. Morton’s leaving, (d) Dr. Corda becoming Chief Operating Officer (COO), (e) the re-appointments of Drs. Sedrick and Vakili as Academic Dean and Assistant VP for Research, (f) Dr. Crawford’s appointment in the OR, (g) Mr. McMinn’s replacing Mr. Aamodt in the Business Office, and (h) Chancellor Jimmy Cheek’s visit on Aug 15.

4. Administrative Reports

a. S. Corda, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Corda reported that the search for the new COO (termed an “Executive Director” in the announcement) will begin on September 28, 2009 with Dr. Wayne Davis as the search committee chairperson. Dr. Jimmy Cheek will select the new Director. He stated that UTSI has budgeted sufficient funds to hire 3 tenure-track and 2 research faculty plus the Boling Chair, and that these hirings are supported by Dr. Cheek.

b. G. Sedrick, Dean for Academic Affairs

Dr. Sedrick said that he felt there was no need for the Academic Dean position under the current reorganization plan, and that he intended to step down as soon as the new Director takes office. Faculty evaluations will be carried out by the department heads at UTK, and some Academic Dean responsibilities will be transferred to the degree program chairs at UTSI. Sedrick stated that he was of the opinion that the job of Dean of Academic Affairs at UTSI is harder than his experience as Dean at two other institutions and as VP of Academic Affairs at another that had 503 faculty members reporting to him. The 14<sup>th</sup> day student head count this AY is down from 240 last year to 170 this year.

c. A. Vakili, Interim VP for Research Dr. Vakili reported that research funding for FY 09 totaled \$3.751M (including the CLA), and that UTSI has received \$1.353M in research funding so far this FY. A \$66M proposal instigated by Dr. David Millhorn may impact UTSI.

d. W. McMinn, Interim Executive Director for Institutional Support

Mr. McMinn clarified that his title is Interim Executive Director for Institutional Support and gave a report on (i) Capital Maintenance, (ii) Information Technology, (iii) Human Resources, and (iv) Finances. The full report is attached.

## 5. Elections

a. Dr. Peter Solies was elected President-Elect by acclamation to replace Dr. Bruce Bomar, who retired.

b. Dr. Lloyd Davis was elected UTK Faculty Alternate by acclamation.

c. Dr. Trevor Moulden was elected UTK Graduate Council Alternate by acclamation.

d. Replacements to UTSI Faculty Assembly standing committees as recommended by the Executive Committee were elected by acclamation. The AY 2009-10 committee membership stands as follows:

- Executive Committee: Parigger (President),\* Steinhoff (Former President), Solies (President Elect), Smith (Secretary), and Hofmeister (Member-at-Large).
- Faculty Assembly Parliamentarian: Moulden.
- Promotion and Tenure: Crater,\* Antar, Majdalani, and Solies.
- Student Affairs: Pujol,\* Johnson, and Chen (Sedrick, ex officio).
- Research and Strategic Planning: Majdalani,\* Solies, Hofmeister, ~~Johnson~~<sup>O</sup> and Steinhoff (Sedrick and Vakili, ex officio). <sup>O</sup>withdrawn
- Nomination Committee: Davis,\* Moeller, and Murray.
- Faculty Affairs Committee: Hofmeister,\* Moeller, and Moulden.
- Bylaws Committee: Davis,\* Murray, and Moulden.
- Budget Committee: Steinhoff,\* Davis, and Hofmeister (McMinn, ex officio).
- Library Committee: Jackson,\* Crater, Kupersmidt, and Yue.
- Fellowships and Awards Committee: Moeller,\* Majdalani, and Smith (Sedrick, ex officio).

## 6. Old Business

This being the first meeting of the AY, there was no old business

## 7. New Business

Dr. Parigger led the faculty in a discussion on several items, including: (a) Evaluation procedures, (i) for research faculty and (ii) the departmental presence/evaluation at UTSI, (b) faculty input into administrative appointments at UTSI, (c) the status of the UTSI Bylaws and the current organizational chart, and (d) ITAR and EAR policies for faculty, staff and students concerning (i) travel restrictions, (ii) designated countries, and (iii) the definition of a US person. These issues were referred to the Research and Faculty Affairs Committees. Dr. Parigger also asked that the issue of faculty performance and accountability be looked into by the Faculty Affairs Committee. Dr. Parigger also asked the Budget Committee to look into new Faculty-line hirings.

Also, Dr. Majdalani introduced the need of appointing a Faculty Member for the College of Engineering Promotion & Tenure Committee. Dr. Antar supported Dr. Majdalani for this service.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monty Smith