

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

28-September-2011, 10:00 AM, H-111

**Approved 09-November-2011**

**Members Present:** Solies, Pujol, Smith, Costa, Hofmeister, Yue, Antar, J. Johnson, Murray, Moeller, Crater, Davis, Parigger, Moore, King (Student Rep).

**Members Not Present:** Corda, Muratore, Sedrick, Majdalani, Steinhoff, Vakili, Chen, C. Johnson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM with a quorum present.
2. Minutes of the 16-Feb-11 and 06-Apr-11 Faculty Assembly meetings were approved unanimously by voice vote. (Hofmeister moved, Solies seconded.)
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee. Dr. Crater urged the standing committees to meet soon and select chairpersons for the upcoming year. In particular, he emphasized the Library Committee, noting that many books have been checked out of the library for too long. Dr. Moore also commented that this committee's input was needed in light of the recent loss of our Librarian, Ms. Emily Moore.
  - b. UTK Graduate Council. Dr. Parigger reported on meetings of the Graduate Council and its Academic Policy Committee, as well as the Physics Curriculum Committee. Issues being discussed include changes to the application process, doctoral degree procedures, and changes in mathematics course offerings.
  - c. UTK Faculty Senate. Dr. Hofmeister reported that he had attended the Senate Retreat and meeting on 19-September-2011. He noted that the UTK Faculty Senate has an extensive Web page where information about all issues under consideration is posted. He reported on the effort to move UT into the Top 25, differential tuition, state government relations, and changes in the Faculty Handbook.
4. Administrative Reports
  - a. Chief Operating Officer and Director of Office of Research. Dr. Moore reported on \$1.2M capital improvements to the Institute infrastructure (water tower, dormitory and dining hall roof, front and back steps of lobby, fire alarms, auditorium), and asked for feedback on any health and safety problems that need correcting. The dining hall is doing well, getting better. The reorganization of the Office of Budget and Finance is now complete, and we are searching for a permanent Director. Our research funding has been flat at approximately \$3M for the last three years and is unlikely to increase without more faculty.
  - b. Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Moore reported for Dr. C. Johnson on the student count for Fall 2011: 55 Full-Time Students (up from 50 last year), 81 Part-Time Students, 50 UTK Students registered for UTSI classes. 18.5 + 4 Diversity UTSI GA's, 12.5 Contract Supported GRA's. Discussion ensued. On faculty searches, Dr. Moore reported that he had halted the search for one position in the EM program, and for three positions in the MABE program. He hopes to

re-open as many as four searches for the MABE program, and possibly the Boling Chair, utilizing two complex committees with some UTSI membership.

5. Old Business

- a. Display for Dr. Kupershmidt. Dr. Crater reported that with assistance from the Kupershmidt family and UTSI personnel, a display honoring the late Dr. Boris Kupershmidt is now present in the UTSI lobby.

6. New Business

- a. In light of Dr. Sedrick's resignation from the UTK Faculty Senate, Dr. Lloyd Davis volunteered to be his replacement for the term ending 2013. His election to this position was approved by voice vote of the Faculty Assembly.

7. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Montgomery Smith  
Secretary