

The University of Tennessee Faculty Senate
MINUTES
May 3, 2004

Those absent were: Misty Anderson, Tom Burman, Hui-Shyong Chang, Joan Creasia, Marianne Custer, Sylvia Davis, Tom Doherty, David Eastwood*, Rajan Ganguly, Glenn Graber, William Hamel, Marion Hansen, Ralph Harvey, Wes Hines, Karen Hughes, Joe Iannelli, Ed Jepson, Barbara Kaye, Dennie Kelley, Deseriee Kennedy, Majid Keyhani, Dukwon Kim, Jon Levin, Vena Long, William Lyons, Julia Malia, Sibyl Marshall, Deborah Murphy, Jan Musfeldt, Bill Nugent, Peggy Pierce, John Preston, Mary Rogge, Bart Rohrbach, Dileep Sachan, Pamela Small, Mandyam Srinivasan*, Marlys Staudt, LTC Robert Walsh, Dan Ward, Jan Williams, Rick Williams*

*Alternate Senator: Ed Perfect for Rick Williams, Virginia Kupritz for Mandyam Srinivasan, P. Michael Davidson for David Eastwood

B. Lyons called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Establishment of Quorum (S. Jordan)

Jordan confirmed that a quorum was present.

President's Report (B. Lyons)

Lyons thanked those who signed up to lead discussion sessions for the Life of the Mind program. He then reviewed some of the year's activities including the presidential search. He reported that the governor had sent him a letter noting the resolution, which the Faculty Senate recently approved; it addressed the appropriate role of the president of the institution and the relation between the system and the Knoxville campus.

Lyons also spoke about the professional development leave policy and the approval of a new general education policy. He noted that the university has not yet responded to the Faculty Senate's resolution on non-discrimination. The Faculty Senate Shared-Governance Fund and the Review and Redirection Process also were singled out, as was the work of the Faculty Senate committees.

Lyons then expressed concern about the lack of faculty participation in the SACS review process in some units. He encouraged faculty senators to take an active role this week, before faculty became involved in summer activities. He also discussed the living-wage effort and the matter of across-the-board raises. He encouraged equal-dollar raises, rather than equal-percentage raises. During his report, he added flaming torches to the Faculty Senate Scorecard with the final totals: Presidential Search 10, Professional Leave Policy 10, General Education Policy 10, Faculty Handbook 10, Committee Work 8, Living Wage 1. For the future, Lyons encouraged the faculty to be involved in implementing the new environmental policy and in the development of a new diversity plan. He also expressed his confidence in C. White and D. Kennedy and the future senate leadership.

Chancellor's Report (L. Crabtree)

Crabtree thanked M. Moffett for her efforts in the revision of the Faculty Handbook. He stated that he expected that the Faculty Handbook would be approved by the UT Board of Trustees in June and that the new non-discrimination proposal will be implemented. He next reported that budget-planning is proceeding. He also expressed his pleasure with the appointment of J. Petersen as the new president. He said he believes the open nature of the search process may have had a negative influence on the discussion of candidates. Crabtree also noted that graduation ceremonies will be

held Friday night and Saturday. He expressed hope that faculty would attend the session at 8:30 Saturday morning and the college sessions. He ended with a statement in support of shared governance. He said he believes a lot of progress in this area was made this year.

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Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of April 5, 2004, were approved without change.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nomination of 2004-2005 Faculty Senate Secretary (C. White)

White reported that the Executive Committee has nominated S. Jordan. The nomination was seconded and approved.

Approval of Summer Executive Council (B. Lyons)

Lyons reported that the Executive Committee nominated D. Kennedy, L. Gross, N. Howell, C. Craig and B. Dewey to serve on the Executive Council, along with the senate officers, for the summer. The nominations were seconded and approved.

Nominations and Appointments (C. White)

White reported that a list of committee memberships for next year was available at the meeting. The nominations were seconded and approved.

Final Reports of Senate Committees (B. Lyons)

Lyons noted that the final reports were distributed with the agenda. W. Morgan said that the report of the Library Committee had been changed for the draft posted on the Senate website to include a recent meeting. The reports then were accepted.

Special Recognition of Senators, Senate Leaders and Presidential Search Representatives (B. Lyons)

Lyons reported that he would be sending thank-you letters to Faculty Senators and committee chairs. He then announced who would be rotating off the Faculty Senate and acknowledged them and the committee chairs. He also acknowledged the officers of the Faculty Senate. In particular, he presented a resolution honoring the year's parliamentarian, M. Papke. The resolution reads as follows:

***The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Faculty Senate***

WHEREAS, *Mary E. Papke, Ph.D., is a highly respected colleague, teacher, and researcher; and*

WHEREAS, *she has served with distinction as Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate from 2003-2004; and*

WHEREAS, *she has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the rules of order and the traditions of the Faculty Senate; and*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Faculty Senate expresses its sincere appreciation to*

Mary E. Papke

for her outstanding and devoted service to the Faculty Senate and the University of Tennessee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT *a copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Papke and that the Resolution be made a part of the minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting held on May 3, 2004.*

G. Samuel Jordan
Secretary

Beauvais Lyons
President

The resolution was approved. A framed copy of the resolution was presented to Papke. Finally, Lyons acknowledged P. Höyng, G. Sayler and K. Greenberg for their work on the presidential search. He noted that an attempt would be made to have Höyng reimbursed for his cell-phone bills related to the search.

White then presented Lyons with a plaque honoring him with ten flaming torches for his role as president this year.

Lyons invited senators to join him at the Riverside Tavern following the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sam Jordan, Secretary