REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS COMMITTEE  2002-2003

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The committee’s objectives for the year were:

1. Develop a relationship between faculty and the alumni and development office

2. Identify importance of faculty to alumni relations and increase faculty’s role in development and alumni relations

3. Provide faculty with an understanding of how these offices can enhance academic programs

4. Establish opportunities for faculty to be involved with upcoming capital campaign

The committee met several times to work on the goals for the year. A special Faculty Senate address was organized by this committee that featured David Noblit, the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association President. This is the first time that a national president has addressed the faculty senate. He articulated that every professor is on the front line of development and play a major role in this process. We should treat each student as if he or she will be the next major donor to UT. He said is own involvement was because of one faculty member. Prior to the faculty senate, an open session with David Noblit was hosted by this committee.