



President's Report
February 6, 2012

Since our last meeting a number of things are happening that need your attention. They Include:

- (1) System planning is moving ahead. There is an issue between system and campus goals and initiatives. A number of UTK people are on the various Task Forces. Please visit the following website for more information on System Strategic Planning: <http://president.tennessee.edu/strategicplan/taskforces.html>. There is a link from the Faculty Senate Homepage to this site.
- (2) The SAIS Committee continues to meet to evaluate the recent online evaluation of teaching. We are currently at 50.1% response rate. This % is comparable to other institutions that have gone online with their teaching evaluations. We need to look more broadly at the evaluation of teaching.
- (3) There is concern over the Human Resources electronics hiring system for staff, post-docs, and eventually faculty. This is an area that we need to investigate more fully. More to come on this front.
- (4) The UFTS meeting is scheduled from Martin, TN in March (March 30-31 and April 1, 2012). I will represent our Faculty Senate at this meeting.
- (5) Dr. Wanda Costen represented us at the COIA meeting/convention in January 2012. She will report to the Athletics Board and to the Executive committee/Senate very soon.
- (6) The UFSC (our elected representative is Dr. David Patterson) continues to meet via teleconference. We met on January 18, 2012 from 3:00-4:15PM. Dr. George Cook from Memphis is the Chair of that group. MEMBERS: UTK, UT Chattanooga, UT Martin, UT Memphis.
- (7) We are currently having issues with GSE over the term "best practices." This will hopefully be resolved soon—hopefully before the Senate meets. We will see. Changes are to be approved at the June Board of Trustees meeting.
- (8) The electronic Routing System is being developed. This will allow us to see where resolutions are in the process of approval.
- (9) All Caucus Leaders were contacted to make sure the listserves work in their respective colleges/units. To my understanding we need something done for A&S fir the Social Science caucus—ASNSSC. Lots of bad addresses and the like.