

Faculty Senate, President's Report

September 17, 2012

Activities from July 1, 2012 through September 17, 2012

Accepted Appointments to Commissions, Committees, Councils, and Task Forces

- Chancellor's Associates
- Chancellor's Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People
- Chancellor's Commission for Women
- Chancellor's Council for Diversity and Interculturalism
- Provost's Enrollment Management Committee
- UTK Alumni Board of Directors
- UTK/UTSI Work Culture Task Force

Major Assignments Completed

- Faculty Senate committee and council appointments
- Planning for Faculty Senate Retreat on September 7, 2012

Requests Fulfilled

- From John Zomchick, to provide representatives from the Faculty Senate to participate in evaluations of commercial products that could be used to implement a Faculty Activity Reporting system (July 19, 2012)
- From Provost Martin, for the appointment of an Honorary Degree Nominating Committee (August 28, 2012)
- From John Zomchick, to proofread revisions to the new edition of the *Faculty Handbook*; offered minor corrections; new edition approved for posting on Provost's website (August 31, 2012)
- From John Zomchick, to consult on transforming the "best practices" section of the *Manual for Faculty Evaluations* in the new *Resource Manual*, as approved by the Faculty Senate during April 2012 (August 31, 2012)

Requests with Responses Pending

- From Jerry Riehl, Office of Information Technology, for two Faculty Senate representatives to the Technology Fee Advisory Board (August 28, 2012)
- From Traci Leonard, Division of Student Life, concerning representatives from the Faculty Senate to the Student Life Council; one representative is needed for a full, three-year term while a second representative is needed for a two-year term because a vacancy was not filled last year (September 5, 2012)

Represented Faculty Senate or Faculty at Large

- Fall meeting of the Association of Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS) in Memphis, Tennessee (August 3-5, 2012)
- Member of panel discussion on rights and responsibilities during New Faculty Orientation (August, 15, 2012)
- University Faculty Council videoconference (August, 15, 2012)
- Torch Night Program (August 20, 2012)

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- Deans, Directors, and Department Heads Retreat (August 28-29, 2012)
- Offered welcoming remarks during Undergraduate Council meeting (September 4, 2012)
- Chancellor's Commission for Women meeting (September 6, 2012)
- Offered welcoming remarks during Graduate Council meeting (September 6, 2012)
- Chancellor's Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People meeting (September 10, 2012)
- University Faculty Council meeting in Nashville (September 13, 2012)
- UTK/UTSI Work Culture Task Force meeting (September 14, 2012)

Revised Documentation

- 2012 edition *Faculty Handbook* posted on Provost's website (September 12, 2012)
- *Resource Manual* posted on Senate's website (September 12, 2012)
- Faculty Senate *Bylaws*, with revisions through May 7, 2012, posted on Senate's website (September 12, 2012)

Miscellaneous Activities

- Agreed to participate in training for the SharePoint system being developed to track UTK *Faculty Handbook* revisions; training session latter postponed indefinitely (July 12, 2012)
- Met with Bill Nugent and Elaine Wynn, Faculty and Staff Ombudspersons (July 17, 2012)
- Contacted previous Faculty Senate caucus leaders to (1) determine who current caucus leaders are; (2) seek confirmation of caucus membership; and (3) request names of any elected alternates to Faculty Senate (July 25, 2012)
- Met with David Matthews concerning Library and Information Technology Committee (August 17, 2012)
- Invited Anthony Haynes, VP, Government Relations and Advocacy, to address the November Faculty Senate meeting, in lieu of addressing the Faculty Senate Retreat (August 20, 2012)
- Proposed meeting with John Zomchick, Vince Anfara, David Golden, Philip Daves, India Lane and Lela Young to review progress on Faculty Senate resolution concerning Faculty Handbook and Manual for Faculty Evaluation; date of meeting yet to be determined (August 23, 2012)
- Noted, with sadness, the passing on September 6, 2012 of Dr. Henry Frandsen, Professor Emeritus of The University of Tennessee and former President of the Faculty Senate (September 10, 2012)

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Thomas