

**UTK Faculty Senate  
Athletics Sub-Committee**

**Minutes for November 14, 2014 Meeting**

*Present:* Dean Kopsell (chair), Ray DeGennaro, Jennifer Gramling, Vickie Mayfield, Andy Puckett, Joe Scogin, Cary Staples, Songning Zhang. Attending from the UT Athletics Department: Brian Russell, Brett Huebner, Mike Ward. Attending from UT Economics Department: Scott Gilpatric, Benjamin Compton, Charles Clotfelter (invited guest).

The committee met with Dr. Charles Clotfelter of Duke University. Dr. Clotfelter was an invited guest by the UT Economics Department as part of their Greer Seminar series. Dr. Clotfelter is as Professor of Public Policy and Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Professor of Economics and Law; and Director of the Center for the Study of Philanthropy & Voluntarism at Duke. Dr. Clotfelter is the author of a critically acclaimed book, *Big-Time Sports in American Universities*. He offered, as part of his visit, to take part in a forum on athletics with the Athletics Committee of the Faculty Senate and others within the UT Athletics Department. The meeting was arranged and hosted by Dr. Scott Gilpatric of the Economics Department.

The meeting was held in the HBB building in the Brinkley Room (room 334). After introductions, we had a great discussion about his book and the impacts of athletic departments on universities. Charlie described the contents of his book in regards to the issues of having relatively autonomous athletic departments at large universities. He discussed current issues such as the NCAA rulings this past summer and the recent academic issues at UNC. Discussions also related to economic, social, and psychological impacts of athletics. The group really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Dr. Clotfelter, and to learn about his experiences in writing the book.