

MINUTES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS FACULTY SUB-COUNCIL

July 24, 2009

Present	Voting Representatives	Institution
X	Loretta Griffy	APSU
X	Will Benson	CISCC
X	Karen Siska, Chair	CoSCC
X	David Stanislawski (substitute for Mitchell Rhea)	CSCC
X	William Northcutt	DSCC
X	Thomas Schacht (substitute for James Bitter)	ETSU
X	Mechel Camp	JSCC
X	Judith Russell	MSCC
X	Larry Burris	MTSU
X	Howard Doty	NaSCC
X	Carol Cole	NoSCC
X	Dave Vinson	PSTCC
X	Jane Asamani	TSU
X	Gretta Stanger	TTU
X	Wade Jackson	UoM
X	Clark Cropper	VSCC
X	Laura Ritter	WSCC
X	Bruce Fisher	RSCC
X	Joyce Johnson	STCC
	Nonvoting Representative/TBR Staff	
X	Randy Schulte, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	TBR
X	Paula Knox, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	TBR
X	Paula Myrick Short, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	TBR
X	Kay Clark, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	TBR
X	Treva Berryman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	TBR
X	George Malo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Assessment	TBR

Call to Order

Chair Karen Siska called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Chair Siska asked that all Subcouncil members and TBR Staff introduce themselves.

Comments from Chancellor Charles Manning

Chancellor Charles Manning reported that the Governor has appointed Kenny Dunn (Technology Center at McMinnville) as the new Faculty Regent.

The state legislature is currently not in session.

Federal stimulus money has reached our campuses and THEC directions on what the dollars can be spent on are still being finalized.

A new version of Banner is coming, along with efforts to make training costs as low as possible.

Dr. Short's office is working on getting a consultant to look at RODP operations.

The Board has approved TQI (Teaching Quality Initiative) guidelines that establish the components of the redesigned teacher education programs in TBR.

We are under the 2005-10 strategic planning cycle and TBR is working with THEC to prepare for the end of the end of the current cycle. Federal stimulus money will cease in 2012 and with declines in state revenue, there are serious questions about what happens to higher education funding after 2012.

In response to questions from sub-council members, Chancellor Manning responded as follows:

- We should not work to drastically change the funding formula when there isn't enough money to have it fully funded.
- We should expect increases in tuition and fees after the federal stimulus money runs out in 2012.
- A task force has been formed at the request of Chancellor Manning and Interim President Jan Simek of the UT System and should have documented concerns and statements prepared by the end of August. Dr. Short announced that this task force involves two CAOs from UT, Dr. Short, the TBR Faculty Regent, UT Faculty Senate President, CAO of the Space Institute in Tullahoma and several TBR University faculty). There is a meeting scheduled for next week at TBR. Both the Chancellor and Dr. Short stated that this task force is not discussing a TBR-UT merger, but rather looking at how to better meet the needs of educating the people of Tennessee.

Discussion came forward that community college faculty felt left out of the discussion by not having representation on the task force. Dr. Short assured the Subcouncil that our community colleges are doing an excellent job of meeting many of our citizens' needs; the task force was charged with examining issues that were university-centered.

Comments from Vice Chancellor Paula Myrick Short

Dr. Paula Short welcomed the new members to the Faculty Subcouncil. Dr. Short shared news of concern from our chief academic officers as forced graduation rates are being set as goals for our TBR institutions. This goal setting does not seem to reflect how community colleges often have students that enter never intending to graduate from their institutions. To that end, Dr. Ellen Weed and other CAOs are looking at the possibility of working out through THEC a

process to establish certificates as completion and not just associates degrees similar to a procedure that is already effective in Kentucky.

Subcouncil members expressed concern that pressures to increase graduation rates could open the door to lowering academic standards. Further, if state legislators continue to push for higher enrollments and graduation rates, there should be substantial increases in funding to provide for larger classroom/lab space, more instructional positions, etc. Dr. Short acknowledged that there are many challenges ahead, and with proper tracking and data collection that we can better serve the people of Tennessee.

A question came from the floor with concerns that the Federal stimulus money for education is going only to universities. Dr. Short provided assurance that money is also going to community colleges as well.

A question came from the floor asking if there were restrictions on how Subcouncil members or campus senate officers communicated with state legislators. Dr. Short volunteered to check to see if there was either Board policy or guidelines on this matter.

Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2009 Meeting

Wade Jackson moved and William Northcutt seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

Action Items

Approval of Proposed Changes to TBR Policy 5:02:02:30--Guidelines for Faculty Promotion at Tennessee Board of Regents Community Colleges.

Dr. Short acknowledged that this is a slight tweaking of policy as TBR auditors felt the current wording of the policy is unclear about the length of time at each academic rank.

Jane Asamani moved and Larry Burris seconded that the proposed changes be approved. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Proposed Changes to TBR Policy 2:01:00:00—General Education Requirements and Undergraduate Degree Requirements.

A copy of the provisions behind the proposed changes in policy was distributed. The recommended revisions reflect the legislative removal of requiring American History as a graduation requirement in TBR universities. A memo from Dr. Short explained the operative changes that will be necessary in handling transfer procedures relative to the history component in general education.

Bruce Fisher moved and David Stanislawski seconded that the proposed changes be approved. Motion was approved unanimously.

Revised Universal Articulation, Business Administration. Dr. Kay Clark explained the background of the initiative for universal articulation of lower division courses required for baccalaureate majors in programs between community colleges and universities (both TBR and UT). The amendment to TCA 49-7-202 specified that THEC would begin implementation of universal articulation agreements for programs showing the highest transfer rates. Therefore, business administration was chosen as the first program because it involves the largest number of transfer students statewide.

The original plan was reviewed by a task force of TBR faculty representatives who recommended removal of the original requirement of calculus-based statistics course. Ultimately this provision was approved except at UT, Knoxville where students will still be required to have completed calculus-based statistics prior to transfer.

The Subcouncil had much discussion about the requirement of a calculus-based statistics course.

Wade Jackson moved and Larry Burris seconded the motion to approve the proposed change. Motion was approved unanimously.

Policy 2:08:00:00--Research Policies and Guideline A-110. Dr. Pam Knox explained that one of the reasons for this policy is that TBR does not have internal review boards regarding TBR research and that this policy allows for an agreement to be made for collaboration with a community college that may not have an internal review board and a university.

A concern came from the floor that the process of research would be greatly impeded if the agreement is slow in developing.

Wade Jackson moved and William Northcutt seconded to approve both Policy 2:08:00:00 and Guideline A-110. Motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

Faculty Subcouncil Operations Manual. Will Benson, Howard Doty, William Northcutt and Dave Vinson were asked following the March 24 meeting to begin working on an operations manual for the Faculty Subcouncil. Howard Doty presented a draft of discussions concerning how the chair and chair-elect of the Subcouncil be elected. All subcouncil members are asked to review the draft and forward questions and/or concerns to one of the aforementioned representatives.

Role and Function of the TBR Faculty Subcouncil.

Karen Siska spoke with representatives of Robert's Rules of Order organization concerning the setting of the agenda for the quarterly subcouncil meetings. The RRO representative stated, based on TBR Policies and Guidelines, which outline the role and function of the TBR subcouncil's, the TBR Office of Academic Affairs has direct responsibility for the subcouncil. Therefore, the agenda should be set by the TBR Chief Academic Officer in collaboration with the subcouncil chair.

Karen Siska stated that she and Dr. Short communicate regularly concerning all matters regarding this subcouncil. She said that the lines of communication between them are very open and straight-forward.

Information Items

General Education Assessment. Dr. Kay Clark announced that the pilot phase of the Assessment will be presented in a written report due October 15 and that the process of assessment is going very well so far.

Faculty Forum. Due to the success of the previous Faculty Forum, Dr. Short is hopeful that a second forum can be organized.

New Business

Thomas Schacht reported ETSU faculty are currently working on an established and documented code of ethics and asked if the Faculty Subcouncil would be willing to serve as an agent to get this code be adopted system wide once the code is established.

Dr. Treva Berryman gave an update on the progress of DSP Redesign and the activities of the DSP Task Force. The task force has two conference calls a week to discuss pilot dates, published research reports and over 24 non-funded pilots already underway and that the task force is having a retreat scheduled for August 20-21.

A task force has proposed TBR Guideline A-100 on August 31 regarding monthly faculty and will be ready for review in October for possible adoption in October of 2010.

The Subcouncil expressed appreciation to Faculty Regent Stevens for attending the last Subcouncil meeting. The chair intends to officially invite Regent Stevens to future Subcouncil meetings.

Karen Siska announced that she and Larry Burris are the faculty member representatives on the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis Committee as the TBR looks at strategic planning for the 2010-2015 planning cycle. The next meeting of the SWOT Analysis Committee meeting will be August 11. For more information, visit <http://sp.tbr.edu> or <http://planning.tbr.edu>

Howard Doty moved and Greta Sanger seconded that Loretta Griffy become Chair-Elect of the Faculty Subcouncil for the 2009-10 academic year. Motion was approved unanimously.

David Stanislowski moved and Howard Doty seconded that Mitchell Rhea be elected Secretary of the Faculty Subcouncil for the 2009-10 academic year. Motion was approved unanimously.

Greta Stanger moved and Will Benson seconded that the Chair-Elect would succeed as TBR Faculty Subcouncil Chair. Motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting of sub-council will be Friday, October 23, 2009.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted: Will Benson, Acting Secretary