**Administrative Council** 

**Tennessee Technological University** 

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL September 4, 2002, 3 p.m. President's Conference Room

**Members Present:**Ballal, Bell, Bilbrey, Cho, Delgado, Dickson, Eisen, Elkins, Garimella, Geisbrecht-Bettoli, Hays, Johnson, Ledbetter, Malone, Marquis, Maxwell, Mills, Mullins, Musacchio, Nivens, Pogue, Rivers, Semmes, Terneus, Thorington, Wells, Wilson, Winfree, Winningham

Members Absent: Allison, Boles, Burnett, Fesler, Lee, Lutz, Matson, McGee, Rector, Wilds, Zagummy

## Others Present: Bouicher, Hall

## **Summary of Proceedings:**

Approved agenda.

Approved minutes of April 10, 2002.

Rejected revisions to "Tobacco Use Policy" at Tennessee Tech.

Approved SGA Bill No. F01-05 "An Act to Place Dining Tables on the North Patio."

## Proceedings

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. He welcomed all new and returning members to the initial Council meeting of the 2002-03 academic year.

Dr. Cho moved to approve the agenda of September 4, 2002, as distributed. Dr. Giesbrecht-Bettoli seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2002, was made by Dr. Cho and seconded by Mr. Dickson. Minutes were APPROVED as distributed.

Dr. Cho moved approval of the proposed revisions to the "Tobacco Use Policy" at

Tennessee Tech. Mr. Dickson seconded. Following a lengthy discussion of the current policy and the stipulations of the proposed revisions, the motion was REJECTED via a verbal vote.

The tabled motion from April 10, 2002 meeting—"Approval of SGA Bill No. F01-05 "An Act to Place Dining Tables on the North Patio" was removed from table. As requested, Mr. Boucher, Dean of Students, presented a report of the costs to purchase tables and to provide ADA compliance for the outside doors to the north patio. Quotes were based upon a similar setup to that of the south patio. The funding source for the purchase of tables would be the Renewal/Replacement Roaden Center account. If possible, an ADA compliance account would be used for the facilities renovation. Ms. Teresa Hall, Director of Food Services, reported on the issues of control relative to payment for food, traffic flow and safety hazard issues, and possible fire code violations (due to traffic flow) that could occur if tables are placed on the north patio for dining purposes. Following a discussion on the reports, the question was called and the MOTION PASSED as presented.

Dr. Eisen expressed concern relative to mold problems in buildings on campus and inquired about the status of testing campus buildings. Dr. Nivens reported that at present no dangerous molds have been found in campus buildings via testing. He stated that problems with leaky pipes and roofs and HVAC problems are the primary contributors to the development of mold. Mr. Jim Cobb, Safety Environmentalist for the campus, has been working to alleviate the existing mold problems. Dr. Nivens added that testing is costly (approximately \$1500 per test) and to test all building could be overkill.

Dr. Wilson brought up a question concerning checks for graduate assistants being withheld when the graduate assistant has a temporary social security card. Ms. Pogue addressed the question by stating that since 9/11 tighter security measures are being enforced relative to international students' entry into the country. The Social Security

Administration must have viable information in the database before the issuance of a permanent social security number. Ms. Pogue reported that regulations prevent the University from issuing checks to students without a permanent social security number. Dr. Bell requested that Ms. Pogue review the process of other schools in an effort to find a solution to this problem.

Legal issues relative to software purchase contracts for the University were discussed briefly. Dr. Bell will follow up on this matter.

Motion by Dr. Cho seconded by Dr. Hays to adjourn. The meeting ADJOURNED at 4:15 p.m.

Terri Watson, Recorder

Documents on file with minutes of meeting:

Rejected revisions to "Tobacco Use Policy"

Approved SGA Bill No. F01-05 with written report from Mr. Boucher