

**President's Commission on Student Centeredness**  
**Minutes**  
**September 20, 2006**

Skeens welcomed the group and the minutes were reviewed and approved by the Commission members.

Skeens read a letter from a student in her class about her concerns regarding student centeredness. The group discussed the need for a mechanism to receive feedback from the campus regarding student centeredness and for students to be able to find the answers for their questions. Crabtree explained the integration of wikipedia with the new UT website as an effort to answer student questions about UT programs and services.

Dr. David Adamany arrived at the meeting and he was introduced by Poplin Gosetti. Dr. Adamany was asked for his definition of student centeredness. He defined it as every decision that is made is viewed from the perspective of "does this benefit the students". He continued to explain that every discussion should start with the notion of "does this facilitate or inhibit a student's ability to obtain an education".

Crabtree discussed the article in *The Collegian* regarding the President's Barbeque and the writer's complaints about the use of WXUT as the deejay. Patten Wallace responded that she is meeting with the students involved to resolve the matter. Discussion ensued as to how our Commission should respond to such issues. One suggestion was having a email address such as "askthepresident@utoledo" which could be a place where people could go to if they have questions/concerns. Lettman also suggested that someone respond to issues in the UT News and on the web.

Abraham summarized some of the things that we could do right now: have a suggestion button on the web or an askthepresident email address, post standard syllabi on the web, and institute meetings with residence halls and students by senior leadership and deans to discuss issues on campus.

Switzer distributed key descriptors for student centeredness and asked the commission members to offer feedback via email.

Bresnahan reported that her subcommittee met regarding the student centeredness awards and that it was decided that monthly award winners would receive a \$75 bookstore gift certificate and a \$25 Starbucks gift certificate. All nominees and award winners will also receive a pin or button to distinguish them as being a student centered person. Bresnahan's committee is working with marketing and communications to begin the student centeredness campaign.

Skeens adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.