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2019 March 25 - Faculty Senate Agenda and Minutes

Faculty Senate, East Tennessee State University

Faculty Senate Agenda
March 25, 2019
2:45 p.m.   Lecture Hall, Building 60 VA Campus

1. Celebrations

2. Introductions of Guests

3. Announcements

4. Presentation: Dr. David Currie, Director of Research Computing – Private Research Clouds and More

5. Approval of minutes from February 25, 2019

6. Information item(s)

    a. Board of Trustees report – Dr. Alsop

    b. Working Groups Report – Work Group Chair

        - Administrative Review– Dr. O'Neil
        - Shared Governance – Dr. Lyons – New Business
        - Campus Communications – Dr. Garris
        - Grants and Research – Dr. Peterson
        - Faculty Safety and Planning – Dr. Pealer

7. Action Item(s)

    a. Committee on Committees – Dr. Epps

8. New Business

    a. Introduction of motion from Shared Governance Sub-committee

        Motion: To approve recommendations for addressing shared governance concerns as presented by the Shared Governance Committee. (recommendations attached to email)

9. Old Business

10. Comments from guests

11. Adjourn

Next meeting: April 8, 2019
Executive Committee Meeting: April 1, 2019
Voting for Faculty Representative to the ETSU Board of Trustees is Open till March 29, 2019 at 5:00pm

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	3/25/19	**Time:**	14:45 – 16:30	**Location:**	VA Campus, Building 60
Next Meeting:	4/8/19			**Scribe:**	Eric Sellers
Present:	Alsop, Fred; Anand, Rajani; Blackhart, Ginette; Brown, Patrick; Burgess, Doug; Burns, Bracken; Byington, Randy; Cluck, David; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Dunn, Andrew; Ellis, Jon; Emma, Todd; Epps, Susan; Flora, Bill; Foley, Virginia; Fraysier, Donna; Garris, Bill; Gray, Jeffrey; Hagemeier, Nick; Hemphill, Bill; Hendrix, Stephen; Herrman, Andrew; Holmes, Alan; Johnson, Jeanna Michelle; Kim, Sookhyn; Kostrzewa, Richard; Livingston, James; Lyons, Renee; Mackara, Fred; Marek, Greta; Masino, Anthony; McGarry, Theresa; Mikdachi, Hana; Olson, Nate; O'Neil, Kason; Owens, Bea; Pealer, Jennifer; Ramsey, Priscilla; Sargsyan, Alex; Sarkodie, Olga; Sellers, Eric; Sergiadis, Ashley; Stone, William; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Trogen, Paul; Walden, Rachel				
Absent:	Al-Imad, Leila; Elangovan, Saravanan; Oh, Sunny; Paul, Timir;				
Excused:	Gentry, Retha; Peterson, Jonathan; Short, Candice; Smith, Samuel				

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order
1. Celebrations
2. Introductions
3. Announcements
4. Presentation
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Informational Items
7. Action Items
8. New Business
9. Old Business
10. Comments from Guests
11. Adjourn

DISCUSSIONS

1. Celebrations

   None

2. Introductions

   None

3. Announcements

   3.1 **Hendrix**- From Dr. Flora, there was an email sent out regarding the results of the SGA election. If you have students who are interested in serving, there are spots that need to be filled.

   3.2 **Brown**- The General Education Renewal Committee will be presenting to Academic Counsel at their

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meeting this coming Thursday.

3.3 **Dunn**- Media and Communication will be offering Adobe certification courses to our students and soon it will also be available to faculty. If you are interested, more information with be forth coming.

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4. Presentation - Dr. David Currie, Director of Research Computing

Story Example- Data Torment: Researchers A and B published a paper in 2012. B deleted research data in 2015. Researchers C and D contest the paper in 2015. A university investigation is conducted in 2016. Researcher A retracts two papers and a third is corrected. Researcher B retracts one paper and another is corrected. The university rescinds A's PhD.
Similar things still happen at ETSU in 2019, therefore having a place to back up your data is so important.

Research Cloud Essentials:
    Research Study Staff Accounts- promotes collaboration with other institutions in a secure manner.
    Access to World Class Complete Services
    Tiered Data Storage
    Security Activity Logs Monitoring Alerts- Using MACIE, anti-malware, intrusion protection/detection, MFA
    Data Management

Amazon Web Services: Entertainment Institutions, Governments, Universities, and Health Care all use this service.

Advanced Computing: ACF and Amazon Web Services (EC2).

    AWS Educate Benefits:
        $100 per annum student credit
        $200 per annum faculty credit
        AWS Class Credits- 4 business days advanced notice
        AWS Research Credits- reviewed quarterly
        AWS Student Certifications
        AWS Student Job Boards

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5. Approval of Minutes

Hendrix questioned whether there was an objection to approving the minutes from the 02/25/19 meeting.

    No Objection: Minutes Approved

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6. Informational Items

6.1 Board of Trustees report – Dr. Alsop

6.1.1 The BOT met on February 22 and most of the discussions were related to information items.

6.1.2 The Finance Administration Committee reported that they had CPAs look at their finances for the previous year and there were no prior year findings. This means there were no problems and cleared last year as far as finances are concerned.

6.1.3 The Academic and Student Affairs Committee has changed its name to Academics, Research, and Student Success Committee.

6.1.4 There were two action items: The Provost put forward recommendations for promotion and tenure for two faculty, Dr. Atkins and Dr. Snodgrass. Both were approved.

6.1.5 The Graduate Medical Education Annual Institution Review was presented and received positively.

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6.1.6 Housing and Residence Life presented a report to the Board and stated they were housing 20% of the total population of students at ETSU. They are conducting a review in regard to potentially requiring all incoming freshmen to live on campus. They feel that would enhance students' overall experience.

6.1.7 Most of what we heard was a 45-minute presentation from President Noland. He announced the retirement of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Bach will be in his present position until the end of this semester, and then he will transition into a consultant position. At that time, Dr. Bishop will begin serving as interim Academic VP and Provost. The President also discussed what was known about the budget, at that time, since the Governor had not yet presented his budget report. It was anticipated that the proposal for the new humanities building would make the list. It did not make the budget list this time, but it is has moved up to number two on the list. He discussed top 10 challenges facing educations. Top priorities for all institutions are increasing enrollment, student success, and retention. The top financial risk for 2019 is declining enrollment. The ETSU budget has been balanced and there are salary enhancements for faculty and staff. Also, a very significant issue for ETSU is dual enrollment.

6.1.8 The next meeting will be held on April 26 and it will be one of the most important meetings of the year because promotion and tenure decisions will be made. Hopefully we will have a working budget by that time and part of it will be tuition and salary enhancement. All this information is on the Board website and the meetings are always open. Also, don't forget to vote for the person who will be filling my spot in June.

6.2 Working Group Reports

6.2.1 Administrative Review– Dr. O'Neil

No report

6.2.2 Shared Governance – Dr. Lyons

See New Business

6.2.3 Campus Communications – Dr. Garris

No report

6.2.4 Grants and Research – Dr. Peterson

Sellers noted that the committee is working on a list of items that will be submitted as a motion for the Senate to approve.

6.2.5 Faculty Safety and Planning – Dr. Pealer

No report

6.3 **Byington**- The TUFS meeting is this coming weekend. A bill is being advocated by a few members of TUFS; it is House Bill 0554 and Senate Bill 0825. The bills would require local election officials to have an election precinct on the campus of any college having more than 8,000 students.

7. Action Items

7.1 Committee on Committees – Dr. Epps

Upcoming vacancies that need to be filled:
Disability Issues for term expiring in 2021
VA committee (needs to be a Veteran)

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7.1.1 **Epps**- Staff senate sends out an email to all the staff to determine who would be interested in serving. Faculty senate could also do this to help fill positions and it would be good to send it out at the beginning of the year. We can keep a list of those who are interested, and this helps make new faculty aware of ways to be involved in service. If you have ideas about this, please let Epps know.
8. New Business   8.1 Introduction of motion from Shared Governance Sub-committee (**see Appendix A**)   **Lyons**- the purpose of our committee is to strengthen the governing committees of which faculty are members. The committees, in our opinion, are where the rubber hits the road. Committees are part of our University's governance procedure. We believe transparency and consistency is necessary. We want all faculty to understand how our shared governance works, the purpose of these committees, and whether they are working as they should. We want to understand our roles, impact, how we are selected to serve, opportunities within the committees themselves, and their appropriateness of service. If you have questions regarding details or would like further explanation of the motion, please see the Shared Governance Sub-committee. Your comments and input are welcomed.
9. Old Business   9.1 Dr. **Epps** mentioned the email sent to the senate by Dr. Masino. She did not appreciate being called a liar or the suggestion that she lied under oath in court or the implication that Dr. Sellers was a liar. She asked that if someone had an issue with anything she has said or done in the service of the senate to please put it on the table so the senate can address it and she would abide by whatever the senate decides. Dr. **Burns** asked if it is appropriate to address senate issues by email rather than in the senate meetings. Dr. **Brown**, Parliamentarian, indicated that according to Robert's Rules, issues should be raised in a meeting where there can be questions or comments.   Things to consider moving forward: Are we under Sunshine Laws?   Should we change how minutes are recorded to keep issues like this from happening?   Should minutes be a transcript or should we continue with the current format?
10. Comments from Guests   None
11. Adjourn   **Motion to Adjourn: Brown**   **Second: Sellers**   **Meeting Adjourned**

Please notify Senator Eric Sellers (sellers@etsu.edu or 9-4476, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2018-2019) of any changes or corrections to the minutes.

Appendix A

SHARED GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE CHARGE

The Shared Governance Committee will review ETSU governance procedures and develop strategies and policy recommendations to formalize Faculty Senate and Faculty as a fully representative component of the governance process at ETSU.

Motion: The Shared Governance Committee of the ETSU Faculty Senate moves that the following recommendations for addressing shared governance concerns be implemented forthwith:

1. Faculty Awareness
   a. That the created excel sheet listing all committees with faculty involvement in the governance of the University be updated and shared with faculty on an annual basis.
2. Faculty Input
   a. That the Faculty be invited to provide input regarding those committees listed on the created excel sheet. To this end, the sub-committee will create two surveys: one for governing committee chairs and one for ALL ETSU faculty members. Input requested will include questions as to these concerns:

   Faculty roles and understandings as to duties/tasks
   Degree to which meeting regularity and procedures match website description
   Voting weight/impact in governance decisions
   Selection procedures
   Chairperson opportunities
   Faculty expertise sufficiency
   Other governing committees which are not listed or which should be formed

   b. Upon creation of such surveys, the President of the Faculty Senate will direct the same to the entire faculty. Survey results will be shared with the Shared Governance Committee for purposes of discussion, analysis, and additional recommendations.

3. Transparency and Consistency

   a. That the President of the Faculty Senate contact the President of the Staff Senate to discern if a cooperative effort to update committee information might be useful in order to establish cohesiveness across website pages.
   b. That the Office of the President be asked to approve one website template for usage by all governing committees.
   c. That the Office of the President be asked to grant Chairs of all governing committees (on which faculty participate) access to their particular website page for purposes of frequent (every three months) updates.
   d. That the Office of the President inform Chairs of governing committees that website updates are required.
   e. That the governing committee template approved include the exact length of term in number of years and that a column revealing a term expiration date (semester and year) also be included in said template.