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Faculty Senate Agenda

January 28, 2019

2:45 p.m. Lecture Hall, Building 60 VA Campus

1. Celebrations
2. Introductions - David Atkins, Dean of University Libraries
3. Announcements
4. Approval of minutes from December 3, 2018
5. 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
 - Campus Communications – Dr. Garris
 - Grants and Research – Dr. Peterson
 - Faculty Safety and Planning – Dr. Pealer
6. Action Item(s)
 - a. Committee on Committees – Dr. Epps
 - b. Motion to approve recommendations from Campus Communication Committee (See attached Document for recommendations)
 - c. Motion to approve Faculty Senate Pledge Of Ethics (see attached for Draft of Faculty Senate Pledge of Ethics)
7. New Business
8. Old Business
 - a. Open Nominations for Faculty Senate Trustee to the ETSU Board of Trustees
9. Comments from guests
10. Adjourn

Next meeting: February 11, 2019

Executive Committee Meeting: February 4, 2019



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	01/28/19	Time:	14:45 – 16:30	Location:	VA Campus, Building 60
Next Meeting:	02/11/19	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Al-Imad, Leila; Alsop, Fred; Anand, Rajani; Blackhart, Ginette; Byington, Randy; Cluck, David; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Dunn, Andrew; Elangovan, Saravanan; Ellis, Jon; Emma, Todd; Epps, Susan; Flora, Bill; Foley, Virginia; Fraysier, Donna; Garris, Bill; Gentry, Retha; Gray, Jeffrey; Hagemeyer, Nick; Hemphill, Bill; Hendrix, Stephen; Holmes, Alan; Johnson, Jeanna Michelle; Kim, Sookhyn; Kostrzewa, Richard; Livingston, James; Mackara, Fred; Marek, Greta; Masino, Anthony; McGarry, Theresa; Oh, Sunny; Olson, Nate; O'Neil, Kason; Owens, Bea; Pealer, Jennifer; Peterson, Jonathan; Ramsey, Priscilla; Sargsyan, Alex; Sarkodie, Olga; Sellers, Eric; Sergiadis, Ashley; Short, Candice; Smith, Samuel; Stone, William; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Trogen, Paul; Walden, Rachel				
Absent:	Mikdachi, Hana; Paul, Timir				
Excused:	Brown, Patrick; Burgess, Doug; Burns, Bracken; Lyons, Renee				

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order
1. Introductions
2. Celebrations
3. Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Informational Items
6. Action Items
7. New Business
8. Old Business
9. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups
10. Other Items
11. Comments from Guests
12. Adjourn

DISCUSSIONS

1. Introductions
1.1 David Atkins, Dean of University Libraries Atkins explained he is reaching out across campus to see how the library can serve all of the units who use library resources. A survey to determine needs and to determine how the library can help meet those needs met. Please take some time to complete the survey. The survey will take 20-30 minutes to complete but the information you provide will be very helpful and appreciated. The survey will be released between February 4 and 11.
2. Celebrations
2.1 Dr. Alsop Celebrated a Birthday on January 9.



DISCUSSIONS

3. Announcements

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Flora questioned whether there was an objection to approving the minutes from the 12/03/18 meeting.

No Objection: Minutes Approved

5. Informational Items

5.1 Board of Trustees report – Dr. Alsop

The next meeting will be Feb. 22, location TBD.

Dr. Alsop will not be pursuing a second term. On January 18 he met with three of the candidates and believes we have a strong pool of candidates for the position.

5.2 Working Group Reports

Administrative Review– Dr. O’Neil

Nothing to report

Shared Governance – Dr. Lyons

Nothing to report

Campus Communications – Dr. Garris

See Action Items

Grants and Research – Dr. Peterson

Nothing to report

Faculty Safety and Planning – Dr. Pealer

Nothing to report

6. Action Items

6.1 Committee on Committees – Dr. Epps

Nothing to report

6.2 Motion to approve recommendations from Campus Communication Committee

6.2.1 **Epps** moved to separate the Safety and Security section and Technical Fixes section to be voted on as two separate documents.

Second: **Trogen**

Motion passed

6.2.3 Motion to approve Safety and Security recommendations

Second: [several seconds]

Motion passed

6.2.4 Motion to approve Technical Fixes to Communication and a Reminder about University Policy

Governing Use recommendation.

Second: **Peterson**

Motion failed

6.3 Motion to approve Faculty Senate Pledge of Ethics

Second: [inaudible]



DISCUSSIONS
Motion failed
7. New Business 7.1 Flora explained that he reached out to Dr. King regarding the new additions to ETSU emails. She said that the Unsubscribe button is a safe unsubscribe button if you do not want to receive emails from the sender. IT will also be removing other tags created by the new spam filter; however, the external tag will remain in the subject line. Dr. King will be coming to the 2/11/20 meeting to discuss and answer questions in regard to the changes.
8. Old Business 8. 1 Nominations for Faculty Senate Trustee to the ETSU Board of Trustees Closes January 31 at 5 pm.
9. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups None
10. Other Items None
11. Comments from Guests Dr. Tom Schacht: I came to share some history regarding the Pledge of Ethics. Because of the language of the tenure statute in Tennessee, any standard of conduct this body adopts has the potential to be used in a de-tenure process, unless you become more specific on what exactly that standard means. Think about proportionality, which standards are going to be aspirational and which are going to be mandatory. If you do not take control over those determinations, you are ceding the right to interpret your code of ethics to someone else. In the past there have been ethical disputes on this campus that have been handled in a haphazard way and there is no history. It is entirely possible to have the same ethics issue adjudicated one way five years ago and adjudicated a different way now. Also, keep in mind that if you are going to be talking about ethical principles, you can think about them as applying not to just individuals, but as also applying to systems. It is possible to have an unethical system or policy, and when that happens it can be very useful to the university to have a way to address it as such. If you don't address systems, then you have an incomplete code of ethics.
12. Adjourn Motion to Adjourn: Hendrix Second: Peterson 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.