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# EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

## Staff Senate

### Minutes

August 13, 2001

PRESENT: Pat Barnett, Pam Blevins, Judy Bragg, Bonnie Burchett, Tim Dills, Linda Fore, Donna Hauk, Steve Honaker, Karen Hughes, Jane Jones, Judy Lawson, Trillis McKee, Pam Murray, Terry Nelson, Maggie Pate, Betty Proffitt, Andre Stevens, Reed Sturdivant, Kathy Thacker, Carla Warner, Shirley White and Valerie Whitson.

ABSENT: Delores Barnes (excused), Jane Bond (excused), Gail Carrier, Kim Denton (excused), Mary Duncan, JoAnn Fitzgerald, Charles Forrester (excused), Brenda Hammett, Judy Harrell (excused), Carolyn Hopson (excused), David Jones (excused), Mary Jordan, Billie Lancaster (excused), Cindy Proffitt (excused), Steve Shupe (excused) and Gary Sparks (excused).

GUEST: Bill Coleman

- I. President Tim Dills called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.
- II. President Dills announced that Mr. Bowman and his colleagues were unable to attend our meeting today; however, they are scheduled to join us for the October meeting. He then introduced Mr. Bill Coleman, Associate Vice President and Director of Human Resources. Mr. Coleman made a few remarks concerning the state budget. He reported that state employees would receive a 2.5% raise retroactive to July 1, which will be in the August paycheck.
- III. The July 9, 2001 minutes were approved as presented.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Senator Hauk reported a \$181.02 balance for the close of this year. The membership approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Staff Development and Evaluations – No report
  - B. Staff Concerns and Grievances – No report
  - C. Committee on Committees – All staff positions on the committees have been filled.
  - D. Elections Committee – Senator Warner announced that the committee will meet on Wednesday, August 8, to tally the votes.
- VI. Unfinished Business

Staff Awards Picnic – Senator Honaker suggested that a date be set for the 2002 Staff Awards Picnic. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the picnic would be scheduled for Friday, June 14th.
- VI. New Business - None.
- VII. Announcements-
  - A. Senator Burchette distributed information listing the planned Pride Week 2001 activities.
  - B. An evening workshop by TCRS is scheduled for Thursday, October 25; Ms. Donna Finley, Manager of Counseling Services, or Mr. Robert Smith, Retirement Counselor, will present the workshop.
- VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fore, Secretary

Tim Dills, President

## **Picnic Survey Results**

In favor of catering:	223
In favor of covered dish:	48
No preference:	64 (includes the person who marked both)
Don't attend	2 (both from custodial services)

### **Comments:**

#### **From those in favor of catering:**

I would like the picnic date to be changed. I always take a trip on Memorial Day weekend and have to leave early on Friday.

However, I suspect this approach will have a negative effect on attendance.

\$1-\$2 would be more appropriate to cover the cost of salads and goodies!

Bringing food isn't a problem for me, either.

Wonderful idea!!! It would be a time-saver, too! (dish preparation time)

Yes, I would pay to have meal catered. But would rather have off-campus food vendor such as Firehouse.

If the vendor is from off campus (i.e., Firehouse) ARAMARK would be the same as current.

#### **From those in favor of covered dish:**

Not by ARAMARK

~~Meat~~ vegetarian

Money is not the issue- it is the idea of sharing a bit of yourself with others!

ARAMARK will not do original, interesting dishes!! It would be very boring; also there would be fewer attendees, me thinks.

#### **From those with no preference:**

Some don't attend, since we cover the office. (Comptroller's Office employee)

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