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Faculty Senate Agenda

November 19, 2018

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

1. Introductions
2. Celebrations
3. Announcements
4. Approval of minutes from October. 22, 2018
5. Information item(s)
 - a. Dr. William Duncan, Vice Provost for Research – Presentation with Questions / Discussion
 - b. Board of Trustees report – Dr. Alsop
 - c. 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 By-Law revisions to Faculty Senate Attendance
 - c. Motion to approve By-Law revisions to Faculty Senate procedures for election of faculty senate representative to the Board of Trustees
7. New Business
 - a.
8. Old Business
 - a.
9. Comments from guests
10. Adjourn

Next meeting: December 3, 2018

Executive Committee Meeting: November 26, 2018



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	11/19/2018	Time:	14:45 – 16:30	Location:	VA Campus, Building 60
Next Meeting:	12/3/2018	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Al-Imad, Leila; Alsop, Fred; Anand, Rajani; Blackhart, Ginette; Brown, Patrick; Burgess, Doug; Burns, Bracken; Byington, Randy; Cluck, David; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Ellis, Jon; Emma, Todd; Epps, Susan; Flora, Bill; Foley, Virginia; Fraysier, Donna; Garris, Bill; Gentry, Retha; Gray, Jeffrey; Hemphill, Bill; Hendrix, Stephen; Herrman, Andrew; Holmes, Alan; Kim, Sookhyn; Livingston, James; Lyons, Renee; Masino, Anthony; McGarry, Theresa; Mikdachi, Hana; Olson, Nate; Owens, Bea; Peterson, Jonathan; Ramsey, Priscilla; Sargsyan, Alex; Sellers, Eric; Sergiadis, Ashley; Short, Candice; Smith, Samuel; Stone, William; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Trogen, Paul; Walden, Rachel; Washington, Georgita				
Absent:	Johnson, Jeanna Michelle; O'Neil, Kason; Paul, Timir				
Excused:	Elangovan, Saravanan; Hagemeyer, Nick; Kostrzewa, Richard; Mackara, Fred; Oh, Sunny Pealer, Jennifer; Sarkodie, Olga				

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

None

2. Celebrations

None

3. Announcements

3.1 **Sergiadis** reminded the Senate that the ETSU OER award applications are due on January 16, anyone with questions should talk to her.



DISCUSSIONS

3.2 **Flora** provided an update in regard to the phishing email: An account in Nigeria hacked ETSU email accounts. ETSU has setup a credit protection system for one year for every person on the spread sheet that was involved. Anyone who received the email should sign up for the service.

4. Approval of Minutes

Flora questioned whether there was an objection to approving the minutes from the 11/05/18 meeting.

No Objection: Minutes Approved

5. Informational Items

5.1 Dr. William Duncan, Vice Provost for Research – Presentation with Questions / Discussion

Supporting Growth Agenda:

- Increase extramural funding
- Implement major recommendation of the strategic Plan for Research
- Develop infrastructure to support opportunities arising from the Ballard merger.

Supporting Faculty and Staff:

- Provide support for faculty and staff conducting research including human subjects.

Supporting ETSU Research Foundation:

- Increase extramural funding: implement electronic grants management system. Facilitate faculty access to funding opportunity- support acquisition of faculty reporting/ expertise data base; PIVOT
- Increase visibility of ETSU research- ETSU Quarterly research newsletter. ETSU research week.
- Implement major recommendation of strategic plan for research: each college's strategic plan has a research component. Create Centers where appropriate to facilitate inter-disciplinary collaboration to pursue emerging research opportunities.
- Current Centers: Center for prescription drug abuse treatment and prevention, Center for excellence for inflammation, infectious disease, and immunity. Center for rural and Appalachian health.

Proposed centers:

- Center for prevention of neonatal abstinence
- Neuroscience institute
- Cancer prevention and risk reduction program
- Maternal and child health research center
- Appalachian obesity and metabolic disease center

Implement major recommendations of strategic plan for research:

- Revisit current structure and support of central support research activities; develop a new funding model in cooperation with Deans.

Startup funding:

- Develop infrastructure and plans to support projected research collaboration with Ballard Health:
- Ballard research and academic coordinating council
- Research sub council
- Four major area of focus: rural health, population health, child health, and behavioral health.

Develop infrastructure and plans to support projected research collaboration with Ballard Health:

- Expand the role of the ETSURF that supports sponsored research, innovation, and economic development.

5.1.1 Q&A:

Lyons: Who are the faculty that will serve on the Academic Coordinating Counsel?



DISCUSSIONS

Duncan: There will be faculty and administration from all colleges in the region.

McGarry: Ballard had committed money toward innovative funding, is that specifically committed to ETSU?

Duncan: Yes, there is money specifically for the ETSU Research Foundation.

Stone: One of the gaps we have in infrastructure is instrument repair and maintenance. Will we have a more coordinated approach to repair and maintenance?

Duncan: Right now, that is not done centrally, it is done in each department and college. I think it would be good to put on the table to create a central fund for repair and maintenance of the research equipment.

Peterson: One of the issues of the infrastructure is the lack of Statisticians as part of the core faculty. Have we looked at doing anything about this?

Duncan: We don't have a lot of people who can handle those big data sets. One of the discussions we are going to have with Ballard is to hear what their needs are for big data and have a joint hire. We will see more joint hires as we get closer to Ballard.

Walden: We have a basic need for statistical analysis even before we get to the big data. Is there someone a grad student or faculty can go to and say, "Help me plan the statistical analysis for this research and help me analyze it"?

Duncan: We have statisticians, but they conduct their own research, teach, and wouldn't be able to find time to help others. That is why the Clinical Research working group was very supportive of having a data scientist just for research and to provide statistical support. We think providing central support would be the best way to facilitate research across campus.

Masino: Two of the local colleges have billionaire or near billionaire supporters, what are we doing to influence them to direct research dollars our way?

Duncan: We need to make sure that whatever research we do is first class and has specific outcomes and deliverables because it will be looked at through a fine-tooth comb.

Stone: Many of the clinicians I work with get the impression from Ballard that their job is to focus on patients and not be involved in research.

Duncan: This is not just a Ballard Health issue, it is an ETSU issue as well. We have a deficit of clinically oriented providers at ETSU and most of the things I talked about earlier will need clinically oriented researchers.

5.2 Board of Trustees report – Dr. Alsop

5.2.1 Finance: BJ King presented a revision of the 2018 – 2019 budget, which was approved. She also discussed factors to consider in regard to a tuition increase.

5.2.2 Academic and Student Affairs: The College of Arts and Science department of Criminal Justice proposed to offer their 36-hour MA in Criminal Justice program online; the proposal was approved.

5.2.3 Vice-President for Student Affairs: Initiatives to help retain students and make them more successful in attaining their degrees were presented. The Center for Community College Leadership was also discussed. A primary goal of the center is to increase the number of well-prepared individuals for leadership positions at state institutions across the TBR system.



DISCUSSIONS

- 5.2.4 President Noland's report is online, here are some highlights:
- The enrollment goal for the university is 18,000 students.
 - Student enrollment projections for the 2019 – 2020 academic year suggest an enrollment decline of about 100 students.
 - We are in the region of the state that is losing population most quickly.
 - The money Ballard will provide to ETSU will be in health areas that will have a large impact in the region.
 - Twelve million has been included in the budget for maintenance. The \$76 million humanities building is number five on the Governor's funding list.

5.2.5 In the February meeting some of the budget projections will be coming forward. By the April meeting decisions in regard to promotion and tenure will have been made and raises will have been determined. We will also know more about tuition cost at the April meeting.

Brown motioned to suspend the rules and consider Hemphill's report out of the order of the agenda. The motion was **seconded by Flora. Motion passed.**

5.3 Report on the October Tennessee Board of Regents Faculty Collaborative - Hemphill

- 5.3.1 Sixty percent of freshman going to community college want/intend to go to a university at some point. Student trajectory for careers starts in 8th grade or middle school.
- 5.3.2 General education has not been reviewed for 16 years. THEC called a general education summit in June 2018. The goal is to develop a new policy that will help with student credit hour transferability. There is a 41-credit hour block in the TN Transfer Pathway. This is all that will be reviewed and there is no timeline.
- 5.3.3 Dual enrollment is going to be expanded in underserved areas. More information will be forthcoming in regard to a new plan to include military service as credit. For a more extensive report of what was discussed, please contact me.

5.4 Working Groups Report – Work Group Chair

5.4.1 Administrative Review– Dr. O'Neil

Nothing to report

5.4.2 Shared Governance – Dr. Lyons

Working on the chart that shows the governing committees and if there is adequate faculty representation.

5.4.3 Campus Communications – Dr. Garris

Nothing to report

5.4.4 Grants and Research – Dr. Peterson

Nothing to report

5.4.5 Faculty Safety and Planning – Dr. Pealer

Nothing to report

6. Action Items

6.1 Committee on Committees – Dr. Epps

Nothing to report



DISCUSSIONS

6.2 Motion to approve By-Law revisions to Faculty Senate Attendance

6.2.1 **Epps** motioned to strike section 4.2 from the existing bylaws and replace it with the new language as proposed. The motion was **seconded by Brown**

6.2.1.1 Discussion: This change helps with attendance. After two absences the Executive Committee will review the reasons for the absences and decide how to proceed.

Several minor punctuation changes were proposed and approved.

Motion passed.

6.3 **Epps** motioned to approve By-Law revisions to Faculty Senate procedures for election of faculty senate representative to the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by **Brown**.

6.3.1 **Byington** motioned to amend 4c by adding “in the event of a tie vote among top vote getters in any round, a coin toss will determine the winner of that round.” The motion was seconded.

6.3.1.1 Discussion: Is there anything in Robert’s Rules that can be used as a tie breaker instead of a coin toss? **Brown** explained that the Faculty Senate President could cast the tie breaking vote; however, we decided not to have the president be the tie breaking vote because we would know their vote. Under Robert’s Rules, if a tie occurred and the presiding officer chose not to vote, a coin toss and a run off would be allowed.

Vote

Yay: 16

Nay: 15

Motion to amend 4c passed.

6.3.2 **Alsop** motioned to add the following text to Section 9, “The faculty member elected to the ETSU Board of Trustees shall have their term of service limited to two consecutive terms of two years each if they are nominated and successfully elected for a second term. Thereafter they would become eligible to seek another term on the Board only after having remained off the board for one term.” The motion was seconded by **Foley**.

6.3.2.1 Discussion: **Epps** noted that it would be possible to have faculty who meet the requirements but are not be people who we would want to serve on the Board. If we have a good faculty member on the board who has to step off and our options for the replacement are the lesser of two evils, we are going to have at least two years of having someone we would not want on the board. **Alsop** replied that the FOCUS Act and bylaws of the Board of Trustees already have a mechanism to replace any member of the Board.

Motion passed

6.3.3 Several additional motions to change the document were proposed, seconded, and passed:

6.3.3.1 Strike the phrase “faculty representative to the Board” every time it appears and replace it with “faculty trustee”

6.3.3.2 In section 1d, add a comma before the relative clause after the word community and before which, because it is not a restrictive clause and it changes the meaning.

6.3.3.3 Add “in the following” before the comma [referring to above motion].

6.3.3.4 Add “to fulfill the following” [referring to above motion].



DISCUSSIONS

6.3.3.5 Strike “attending” and change it to “attend” in 7.a.b.c

6.3.3.6 Approve the whole document as written with amendments.

7. New Business

None

8. Old Business

None

9. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups

None

10. Other Items

None

11. Comments from Guests

None

12. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Brown
Second: Hendrix
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.