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EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Agenda

September 24, 2018

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

1. Introductions
2. Celebrations
3. Announcements
 - a. Curriculum Group Input - Epps
4. Approval of minutes
5. Information item(s)
 - a. Board of Trustees report – Alsop
6. Action Item(s)
 - a. Committee on Committees-Epps
7. New Business
 - a. Dr. Amy Johnson, Director, Center for Teaching Excellence – Presentation with Q&A
8. Old Business
 - a. Post Discussion – Chief Collins visit
9. Questions on summaries
10. Comments from guests
11. Senate Working Groups – select group, name chair, plan for next steps
12. Adjourn

Next meeting: Sept. 24, 2018

Faculty Senate Dinner at Shelbridge – September 27, 2018



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	09/24/18	Time:	14:45 – 16:30	Location:	VA Campus, Building 60
Next Meeting:	10/22/18	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Al-Imad, Leila; Alsop, Fred; Blackhart, Ginette; Brown, Patrick; Burgess, Doug; Burns, Bracken;Byington, Randy; Cluck, David; Ellis, Jon; Emma, Todd; Epps, Susan; Flora, Bill; Fraysier, Donna; Garris, Bill; Gentry, Retha; Hemphill, Bill; Hendrix, Stephen; Holmes, Alan; Johnson, Jeanna Michelle; Kim, Sookhyn; Livingston, James; Lyons, Renee; Mackara, Fred; McGarry, Theresa; Oh, Sunny; O'Neil, Kason; Owens, Bea; Pealer, Jennifer; Peterson, Jonathan; Ramsey, Priscilla; Sarkodie, Olga; Sellers, Eric; Smith, Samuel; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Trogen, Paul;				
Absent:	Anand, Rajani; Chakraborty, Kaniska; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Elangovan, Saravanan; Herrman, Andrew; Marek, Greta; Paul, Timir; Sargsyan, Alex;				
Excused:	Gray, Jeffrey; Foley, Virginia; Hagemeier, Nick; Kostrzewa, Richard; Masino, Anthony; Olson, Nate; Sergiadis, Ashley; Short, Candice; Stone, William; Walden, Rachel				

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. Comments from Guests

11. Senate Working Groups

12. Adjourn

DISCUSSIONS

1. Introductions

None

2. Celebrations

2.1 Jonathan Peterson was awarded an R15 grant from the NIH.

3. Announcements

3.1 **Flora** announced that senators should RSVP for the Senate dinner at Shelbridge, which will be held



DISCUSSIONS

Thursday at 5:30pm.

3.2 **Epps** also noted that the academic council retreat will be held on September 27th. The main topics of discussion will be undergraduate admissions, graduate admissions, online education, and program development. If you have any idea for any of these areas, please send suggestions to Flora or Hendrix.

3.3 There will not be a Senate meeting on October 8.

3.4 **Epps** explained that the Curriculum Group has been meeting to discuss program development and how to make programs a success. Please send examples of roadblocks or success in curriculum development to Epps. **Epps** also mentioned that people should consider attending the Board of Trustee meetings because they are looking for solutions to issues that are brought to their attention. **Peterson** questioned whether input was wanted from all colleges. **Epps** replied that anyone's input is welcome. **Flora** encouraged senators to come to the committee meetings, which are held in the Reese Museum.

4. Approval of Minutes

Flora questioned whether there was an objection to approving the minutes from the 09/10/18 meeting.

No Objection: Minutes Approved

5. Informational Items

5.1 Board of Trustees Report - Alsop

5.1.1 **Alsop** noted that the standing committees are where the work gets done. Input should be taken to the standing committees. There are information items being presented to each committee and action items are being addressed. On the Thursdays prior to the meeting there are optional work sessions. Members meet with the dean of a particular college and it provides an opportunity to learn about college activities that you would not otherwise hear about.

5.1.2 The Academic and Student Affairs committee addresses many items regarding TBR and ETSU policies. Alsop is a member of this committee and can provide additional information about the policies.

5.1.3 On October 1st ownership of the Millennium Center and all but the bottom floor of the parking garage will be transferred to ETSU

5.1.4 Updates on campus construction projects are located on the website.

5.1.5 ETSU will be designated a Trauma Informed University; it will be the first one in the state. The focus will be on children and traumatic events they have experienced.

5.1.6 **McGarry** questioned whether the Board discussed Ballard's research funding. **Alsop** replied that it was discussed and at this time the funding level could be as little as 2 million or as much as 10 million. ETSU wants to position itself so that we can obtain the most funding possible. The Board suggested that an outside consultant come in and write a white paper based on what ETSU should focus on to ensure we maximize our funding potential. **Sarkodie** asked whether the money is for medical or non-medical research. **Alsop** replied that most of the funding would go to non-medical research.

5.1.7 **Blackhart** asked if there is a plan for how the Millennium Center space will be used. **Alsop** responded that the details are still being worked out. The bigger rooms will be kept as meeting rooms for banquets and hosting conventions. There are also plans for digital media and information technology to utilize some of the space; however, concrete decisions have not been made. **Flora** added that there are already contracts for events that will be honored and that there will be a transition period before ETSU will have complete control over the space.

6. Action Items



DISCUSSIONS

6.1 Committee on Committees – Epps

Epps requested a volunteer to serve on Veteran's Affairs committee.

Patricia Harnois-Church volunteered.

Epps moved to affirm and there was no objection.

Epps also noted that two representatives are needed on the Sherrod Library Advisory Committee. The following four senators were nominated or volunteered: Jon Ellis; Jennifer Pealer; Retha Gentry; and, Donna Fraysier.

Gentry and Fraysier were selected by a ballot vote.

7. New Business

Dr. Amy Johnson, Director, Center for Teaching Excellence – Presentation with Q&A

[Could not be here today. Will be at next meeting on Oct 22nd.]

8. Old Business

8.1 Post Discussion – Chief Collins visit

Flora noted feeling much better after hearing what Chief Collins said about our goals and her vision for safety. There was a lot of debriefing and intention reflection. **Ellis** also noted feeling much better after the presentation and he likes her passion and looks forward to working with her. **Ellis** also noted that he is not happy with how the institution communicates on issues. **Al-Imad** suggested additional emergency training is needed and that students wanted to leave the classroom.

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

None

10. Comments from Guests

None

11. Senate Working Groups

The following five Working Groups have been created:

Faculty Safety Planning – directly make suggests to enhance planning and safety

Shared Governance – Specific to faculty senate, how can we have more say.

Campus Communication – make recommendations to enhance communications.

Administrative Evaluations – how and when faculty should be evaluated.

Grants and Research – Work on policy practices and procedure as far as research goes to help the process.

[Senators selected which group they wanted to be in and discussed their respective charges.]

12. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Brown

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.