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EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
Staff Senate
Minutes
December 11, 2000

PRESENT: Pat Barnett, Jane Bond, Judy Bragg, Gail Carrier, Kim Denton, Tim Dills, Mary Duncan Linda Fore, Charles Forrester, Brenda Hammett, Judy Harrell, Steve Honaker, Carolyn Hopson, Donna Hauk, Karen Wright Hughes, Mary Jordon, Billie Lancaster, Maggie Pate, Andre Stevens, Kathy Thacker, Carla Warner, Shirley White and

ABSENT: Delores Barnes, Pamela Blevins (excused), Bonnie Burchett (excused), Jo An Fitzgerald (excused), David Jones (excused), Jane Jones (excused), Ginny Kidwell, Judy Lawson (excused), Cathy McGinnis (excused), Betty Ann Proffitt, Claudette Rhea (excused) Steve Shupe, Reed Sturdivant, and Valerie Whitson (excused).

GUESTS: David Collins

- I. President Tim Dills called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- II. A motion was made and seconded to approve the November minutes as presented. The motion passed.
- III. Treasurer Donna Hauk reported that a total of \$1,392 was collected for the Holiday Baskets and that \$240.93 remained. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report; the motion passed. Treasurer Hauk also reported that all staff senate shirts were ordered and delivered.

IV. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports at this time.

V. Unfinished Business

Thanksgiving Basket Project Report – Senator Steve Honaker reported that 47 boxes of food and one check for food were delivered to names provided by the Washington County School system, the Hospice in Elizabethton and the ETSU community. The total value of the boxes was \$3,400.00.

Senator Honaker thanked everyone for his or her assistance. President Dills thanked the committee for their efforts.

VI. New Business

- A. President's Council Retreat Report/Discussion – President-Elect Carolyn Hopson reported that the agenda was centered on servicing students and retaining them.

Mary Jordon suggested that Dr. Sally Lee be invited to a future meeting to share her talk about the student population with Staff Senators.

Senator Hopson suggested that Dr. Marsh Grube come to a future meeting to give a presentation regarding the SAC visit.

The Senators expressed interest in having both presentations at a future meeting.

- B. Christmas Charitable Choices. A motion was made to use the \$240.93 that was not used for Thanksgiving baskets be used to supplement baskets prepared by the Physical Plant for the Christmas Holiday.

- C. Proposed Cancellation of January 2001 meeting. President Dills reminded Senators that the January 8th Staff Senate meeting was also the first day of the new spring semester. A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be cancelled. The motion was approved. The next meeting of the Staff Senate will be February 12, 2001. President Dills reminded the Senators that Mr. Bowman and his Directors would be guests at the February meeting to receive feedback on response to various projects and to receive more constructive suggestions.

D. Committee Meetings

1. President Dills announced that Senator Sandy Simms resigned from the University. He reported that at the present time several positions on the Staff Senate are vacant with approximately half of the year remaining before regular elections are held. It was agreed that the Staff Senate will refer to the Election Committee concerning filling these positions.

Discussion included a policy of inviting “runners up” in the annual election to complete any vacancies of persons who leave their term in the Staff Senate before their term is completed. An Ad-hoc Bylaws Committee consisting of Senators Judy Bond, Judy Bragg, Karen Hughes, Kathy Thacker, and Carla Warner was appointed to research the process by which this change could be made. Senator Bragg will convene the committee. Senator Bragg requested that Senators email her with any suggestions or comments. A report will be presented at the February 12th meeting.

A motion was made and seconded that the Elections Committee hold a special election after the first of the year to fill any current vacancies. The motion passed.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fore, Secretary

Tim Dills, President