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### **Faculty Senate Agenda**

Sept. 11, 2017

2:45 p.m. Forum

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1. Introductions
2. Celebrations
3. Announcements
4. Approval of minutes
5. Information item
  - a. TUFS Update – Byington
6. Action Item(s)
  - a. Committee on Committees-Foley
  - b. Election of 3<sup>rd</sup> at-large member of Executive Committee
7. New Business
  - a. Formation of committee to select Faculty member of the year (SoCon Academic Exchange initiative)
  - b. Formation of working groups
8. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups
9. Comments from guests
10. Adjourn

Next meeting: Sept. 25, 2017 – The Drs. Bill Duncan: start-up money for faculty

*“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”*

*~ John Dewey*



## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/11/2017	<b>Time:</b>	14:45 – 16:30	<b>Location:</b>	Culp Center, Room 311
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	9/25/2017	<b>Scribe:</b>			Eric Sellers
<b>Present:</b>	Al Balbissi, Kais; Al-Imad, Leila; Alsop, Fred; Brown, Patrick; Burgess, Doug; Byington, Randy; Chambers, Cindy; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Duncan, Joyce; Dunn, Andrew; Ellis, Jon; Epps, Susan; Flora, Bill; Foley, Virginia; Gentry, Retha; Gray, Jeff; Hall, Katherine; Heidi Campbell; Hemphill, Bill; Hendrix, Stephen; Jennifer Pealer; Kwasigroch, Thomas; Littleton, Mary Ann; Livingston, James; Lowery, Ashley; Mackara, Fred; Maisonet, Mildred; Marek, Greta; Masino, Anthony; McGarry, Theresa; Mitchell, Lorianne; Mullins, Chrissy; Oh, Sunny; Olson, Nate; Owens, Bea; Panus, Peter; Peterson, Jonathan; Ramsey, Priscilla; Sarkodie, Olga; Scheuerman, Eugene; Sellers, Eric; Shah, Darshan; Short, Candice; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Walden, Rachel; Wattad, Ahmad; Turner, Craig; Walden, Rachel; Wattad, Ahmad				
<b>Absent:</b>	Chakraborty, Kaniska; Ning, Shunbin; Paul, Timir; Stone, Bill				
<b>Excused:</b>	Cluck, David; Doran, Erin; Dula, Chris; Elangovan, Saravanan; Pealer, Jennifer				

Agenda Items	Responsible
Meeting called to order	Epps
1. Introductions	Epps
2. Celebrations	Epps
3. Announcements	Epps
4. Approval of Minutes from 8/22/2017	Epps
5. Information Item TUFS Update	Byington
6. Action Items	Foley
7. New Business	Epps
8. Questions on Reports/Summaries from Committees/Working Groups	Epps
9. Comments from Guests	Epps
10. Adjourn	Epps

### DISCUSSIONS

Meeting called to order: 14:45

1. Introductions

2. Celebrations

**Retha Gentry** – Faculty Award for Service; **Peter Panus** – Faculty Award for Research; **Erin Doran** – Tenure; **Sunny Oh** – Promotion to Full Professor; **Jennifer Pealer** – Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor; **Randy Byington** – Promotion to Full Professor; **Eric Sellers** – Promotion to Full Professor; **Saravanan Elangovan** – Promotion to Full Professor; **David Cluck** – Promotion to Associate Professor; **Patrick Brown** – Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor; **Jonathon Peterson** – Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor; **Susan Epps** – University Service Award

3. Announcements



## **DISCUSSIONS**

State of the University Address, October 2, 10AM – 12PM, Culp Auditorium

Staff senate and SGA Open Forum, November 29, Culp Auditorium

An update on the State of the University will be held in February, date TBD

Faculty Senate dinner at Shelbridge, October 19, only for senators

### **3.1 Keyana Miller ETSU SGA President**

Homecoming will be held during the week of October 2; the theme is “Let the Games Begin.”

Monday – door decoration competition; blood drive competition

Tuesday – college spirit day; selection of King and Queen; banner competition

Wednesday – King and Queen campaigning; Buccaneer games to be held at the CPA intramural field; skit night

Thursday – canned food creation competition for Bucky's food pantry

Friday – parade and pep rally; Women's volleyball game; 90's themed dance party in the Cave

Saturday – Men's soccer game at noon; football game at 3:30 pm.; Women's volleyball game at 8 pm.

Sunday – gospel choir concert in the Culp auditorium at 3 pm.

All events are open to the public

### **Motion to amend the agenda to include Old Business: Foley**

**Second: Trogen**

**Motion Passed**

### **3.2 Old Business Concerns and Grievances – Burgess**

3.2.1 The colleges met amongst themselves to select representatives.

COM – **Eugene Scheuerman**

PHARM – No representation

CAS – **Andrew Dunn (Alternate – Theresa McGarry)**

NURSING – **Christy Hall**

CCOE – **Cindy Chambers**

CCRHS – **Randy Byington**

CBT – **Bill Hemphill**

CPH – **Mary Ann Littleton**

### **4. Approval of Minutes from 8/22/2017**

**Motion to Approve: Burgess**

**Second: Hemphill**

**Minutes Approved**

### **5. Information Items**

#### **5.1 TUFS Update – Byington**

5.1.1 There is a TUFS meeting this weekend that will be hosted by UTK. The Spring meeting will likely be hosted by MTSU.

5.1.2 The current by-laws state that the President comes from the opposite system and UT is up next year. Because of the new local board structure the by-laws will be changed such that the president will not rotate from one system to the other for each term.

5.1.3 Main topics of discussion will focus on tenure and board relations. Specifically how each new Board (formally TBR) will approach tenure. Boards tend to be asking more questions about selectivity than worthiness of tenure. For example, the rigor of the process, people not recommended for tenure, people who have withdrawn their request for tenure, have all been questioned. ETSU's BOT has not shown these matters to be a concern.

5.1.4 Bridget Baird provides excellent reports as a legislative liaison and provides information as soon as she gets it in January. UT has a lobbyist that knows about what legislation may be proposed before the session



## DISCUSSIONS

begins.

5.1.5 Implementation of the academic freedom policy. We are the first state where academic freedom is guaranteed by law. This includes freedom of speech.

5.1.6 Outsourcing is still being discussed by the UT schools and the perception is that outsourcing may still be on the table. This does not appear to be a problem for the former TBR schools.

5.1.7 The former TBR schools are involved in Constitutional changes to remove language related to the TBR system.

5.1.8 **Hemphill** asked about legislative manipulation of curriculum and **Byington** explained that SACS accreditation does not allow for legislative interfere in academic areas.

5.1.9 **Peterson** expressed support for current legislation preventing the limitation of freedom of speech on campus. **Byington** explained if a student organization asks for someone to come on campus we cannot censor the request. **Alsop** indicated that there are no longer free speech areas on campus and the Board of Trustees will need to address this issue. However, **Byington** stated that, according to the legislation, any public property is designated a free speech area.

5.1.10 Because the meeting is at UTK this weekend, **Alsop** suggested that senators may want to go to the meeting. In particular if they have interest in serving as an officer in the future.

5.1.11 **Epps** mentioned that Dr. Noland has requested that the Faculty Senate provide a recommendation as to how his performance should be evaluated. The Executive Committee will prepare a proposal and bring it to the full senate for approval before it is provided to Dr. Noland.

**Foley made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Board of Trustees update provided by Alsop**  
**Second: Flora**  
**Motion Approved**

### 5.2 Board of Trustees Report – Alsop

5.2.1 The BOT has met three times. The standing committees meet in the morning and report back to the board at large in the afternoon. Only two of the four committees met, the Academics and Student Affairs Committee and Finance and Administration Committee.

5.2.2 The Academic and Student Affairs Committee proposed a new center of excellence in teaching, which was approved. A proposal for a curriculum revision of the MS program of Engineering and Technology was also approved by the BOT. There were several proposals related to termination of curricula. The Advanced Nursing Practice program, which currently does not have any registered students, will be terminated. The Behavioral Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Concentrations in Psychology will be phased out by 2020 and a new concentration in Health Professions will be added. A new program in Film Production will also be added this fall. A program in Geographic Information Sciences was also established. A Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner graduate program was approved.

5.2.3 Jeremy Ross from the Finance and Administration Committee presented a proposal for a new humanities building. The building is a cutting edge 100,000 sq. ft. building that would cost 76 million dollars. Other disclosed projects, which are not paid for by the state, were in the amount of 8 million dollars (7 million for athletics) and another 9.5 million for capital maintenance. A proposal to provide tenure and full professor to the new dean of Education was approved. The name of the Center of Performing Arts building was approved and will be named the James C. and Mary B. Martin Arts Center.

5.2.4 An across the board 2% raise was approved by the BOT. The state suggested a 3% across the board raise. The final 1% is being held in reserve for equity reviews.

## 6. Action Items



## DISCUSSIONS

### 6.1 Committee on Committees – Foley

**Sunny Oh** volunteered to serve on the Committee on Committees.

**Joyce Duncan** volunteered to serve on the Library Committee.

**Paul Trogen** and **Shirley Cherry** have agreed to remain on the Parking Committee.

The Committee on Committees is also looking for someone to serve a three-year term on the ETSU Commission for Women. The charge of the committee is to make recommendations addressing policy that relates to equitable treatment involving university facilities and personnel, make recommendations addressing enhancement of the campus climate with respect for opportunities for women, make recommendations in regard to improving institutional commitment to women, and request and review data on reports pertaining to equal opportunities.

**Foley made a motion to vote on Shirley Cherry to remain on the Parking Committee and Joyce Duncan for the Library Committee.**

**Second: Flora**

**Motion Approved**

### 6.2 Election of 3rd at-large member of Executive Committee

**Short** nominated **Christy Hall**

**Byington made a motion to close nominations and elect Hall by acclamation.**

**Second: Foley**

**Motion Approved**

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 Formation of committee to select a faculty member of the year (SoCon Academic Exchange).

This group will nominate faculty for the award and this year the committee should meet earlier to develop a strong process for selection.

**Brown** and **Byington** agreed to serve on the committee.

### 7.2 Formation of Working Groups

Senators listed, in order of preference, two committees they would like to serve on from the following list of working groups:

- Budget
- Town/Gown relationship
- Teaching
- Service
- Research
- University Governance

To the extent possible, **Epps** will assign people to a working group of their choice.

## 8. Questions on Reports/Summaries from Committees/Working Groups

In the University Council meeting today Dr. Bach announced that Pat Van Zandt will be retiring at the end of the academic year and Cecilia McIntosh will step down from Dean of the Graduate School and return to the biology department.

## 9. Comments from Guests

None present

## 10. Adjourn

**Motion to Adjourn: Brown**



## DISCUSSIONS

**Second: Peterson**  
**Meeting Adjourned**

*Please notify Senator Eric Sellers ([sellers@etsu.edu](mailto:sellers@etsu.edu) or 9-4476, Faculty Senate Secretary, 2017-2018) of any changes or corrections to the minutes. Web Page is maintained by Senator Doug Burgess ([burgess@etsu.edu](mailto:burgess@etsu.edu) or 9-6691).*