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Faculty Senate Agenda
Feb. 13, 2017
2:45 p.m. Meeting Room 6

1. Introductions – new faces in Senate!- Dr. Jeff Gray – College of Pharmacy
2. Celebrations
3. Announcements
4. Approval of minutes
5. Old Business
 - a. Follow up on questions from Senator McDowell
 - i. Religious preference question on undergraduate application
 - ii. Publication of fee schedule
6. New Business
 - a. Report on Board of Trustee confirmation hearings- Alsop
 - b. Report from TBR Faculty Sub-council meeting- Hemphill
 - c. Tenure and Promotion Appeals committee - Burgess
7. Action Item(s)
 - a. Committee on Committees - Foley
8. Questions on reports/summaries from committees/working groups
9. Comments from guests
10. Adjourn

Next meeting: February 27, 2017- in the Forum

“Pick battles large enough to matter, small enough to win.”

~Jonathan Kozel



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	02/13/2017	Time:	14:45 – 16:30	Location:	Culp Center, Room 311
Next Meeting:	02/27/2013	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Patrick Brown, Randy Byington, Heidi Campbell, Wendy Doucette, Dorothy Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Joyce Duncan, Saravanan Elangovan, Susan Epps, Bill Flora, Virginia Foley, Jeff Gray, Katherine Hall, Bill Hemphill, Stephen Hendrix, Tod Jablonski, Guangya Li, Mary Ann Littleton, James Livingston, Anthony Masino, Tim McDowell, Theresa McGarry, Lorianne Mitchell, Bea Owens, Jonathan Peterson, Eugene Scheuerman, Eric Sellers, Melissa Shafer, Darshan Shah, Candice Short, Bill Stone, Paul Trogen, Craig Turner, Liang Wang, Ahmad Wattad				
Absent:	Leila Al-Imad, Kaniska Chakraborty, David Champouillon, Tavie Flanagan, Retha Gentry, Shunbin Ning, Timir Paul				
Excused:	Fred Alsop, Doug Burgess, Cindy Chambers, David Cluck, Erin Doran, Jon Ellis, Lon Felker, Lee Glenn, Karin Keith, Thomas Kwasigroch, Fred Mackara, Mildred Maisonet, Peter Panus, Rachel Walden				

Agenda Items	Responsible
Meeting called to order	Epps
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Meeting called to order [14:45-15:35]

1. Introductions – Dr. Jeff Gray, College of Pharmacy

2. Celebrations

3. Announcements

Masino: As everyone knows, ETSU continues to pursue and recruit the most qualified applicants. In our discussions with President Noland about current ETSU recruiting endeavors, ETSU recruiters have opportunities for faculty to assist including visits to area high schools. In speaking with faculty members from the various colleges, several have expressed interest in helping but due to the lack of available information on scheduled recruiting visits, faculty were unable to volunteer. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has provided a list of the tentative Spring 2017 recruiting events and is looking for faculty volunteers able to assist. If an event is denoted “closed” the recruiting visit has sufficient volunteers. The list is updated when additional visitations are scheduled.

Byington: Thirteen faculty visit high schools and give guest lectures. We have no geographic boundary, it is just



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dependent on our schedules. I was at Virginia High the week before last. I will be at Sullivan Central next week and at another school in April. In addition to the recruiting side with the counselors, there is a relationship being built with individual high school faculty members.

Masino: The admissions office has a list of schools that are having STEM days. Once a year, my department goes to the local elementary school to present, and now they have asked that we start doing it at the high school.

Epps: How do faculty get on the lecture list?

Brown: Brian Henley in admissions is in charge of that so if you are interested in participating, you can contact him.

Byington: The downside to what we do as guest lecturers is that we do not have access to parents which is a real upside to what Masino is doing.

Peterson: I interact with many high school kids, and they come to me asking questions about financial aid and all I can find are the same phone numbers the kids find.

Masino: There is a specific financial aid person who helps faculty. If you go to the financial aid office, you can skip the line and get the information they need.

Epps: They are making some major changes like using banner to its full potential. There is a problem with people waiting in a long line when all they need to do is to turn in one piece of paper, which could be done online. They are trying to make things easier so that people do not have to go stand in line.

4. Approval of Minutes

Hemphill: motioned to approve

Masino: second

Minutes approved

5. Old Business

5.1 Follow up on questions from Senator McDowell

5.1.1 Religious preference question on undergraduate application –

Epps: I was told that the question was only being used to provide a list to the campus ministries. However, it has now been taken out of the application.

5.1.2 Publication of fee schedule –

Epps: (read email from Dr. B. J. King) “The fee schedule for the Program Services fee is not available online at the request of the SGA. This came up a couple years ago and I went to the SGA to discuss it with them. The fee is a required fee, but when the breakdown was publicly available, students had employers who would not reimburse them for part of the fees that they considered unnecessary (CPA, debt service, parking for students only attending night classes, etc.). So we took that breakdown off the web. I asked the SGA if they wanted it published on the web and they determined that the schedule would be provided to students upon request. That is what we have been doing and will continue until told otherwise.

We do have students in COM and COP who are on a reimbursement from the federal government or military and the offices on those campuses are provided with the breakdown to give to their students as needed.”

McDowell: My colleague tried to request the fee information, but he did not receive a response. I was just wondering how it can be said that it is available upon request but it needs to be easier to put in a request.

6. New Business

6.1 Report on Board of Trustees confirmation hearings (Alsop)

Epps: (read email from Dr. Alsop) “The 8 appointed board members, elected faculty member, and the university president from ETSU, MTSU, and U of Memphis all attended the sessions as a group during the two day confirmation proceedings. Tuesday morning each delegation met with the House Education Committee. Committee members asked for individual introductions and brief bio-information from each Trustee to be. Some committee members asked some individual questions and then moved to confirm each board in separate motions. Motions carried unanimously and will be forwarded to the full legislature for votes. Tuesday night the Governor and First Lady hosted a dinner at their residence for the entire assembly. Wednesday afternoon each delegation met with the Senate Education Committee which asked more individual questions than had their colleagues on the House Committee following a brief introduction by each board appointee. They were especially interested in quizzing Lt. Governor Ramsey on our Board, and did so at length, but in a good-natured manner. This committee also voted unanimously to approve our Board of Trustees and their motion will also be sent to the full legislature for a final vote.

The ETSU Board of Trustees will undergo board training on March 24th by representatives from the State.”



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6.2 Report from TBR Faculty Sub-council meeting (Hemphill)

Hemphill: TBR is examining the general education communication requirements for the first time in the last 15 years. The six Local Governing Board (LGB) universities will be non-voting members of this group.

In the new model, the LGB universities will be required to pay for shared services such as Banner and other licensures. They want to consolidate shared licenses across the six universities; however, higher administration will work out the details because it deals with a large amount of money. It is going to be 28.4 million dollars.

One of the problems they have found so far is that when a faculty gives a student a grade of FA or FN they can no longer receive the Hope or Promise. So keep encouraging students to go to class because there are no repeals to this once an FA or FN is received. It is very serious, and it is at the teacher's discretion.

Another change is with students who are past military. They will not be forced to transfer all the class credits they received prior to enrolling in a university. They will be able to choose what they get credit for so they do not lose financial aid before they finish their degree.

TBR has 9 million dollars for campus safety. Several initiatives are under way, such as new locks, etc.

There is an RFP for the D2L contract that will be for a 5-year agreement. The Banner contract will expire in 2018.

TBR may be adding 2 or 3 more dual enrollment classes, which may lead to an influx of high school students on campus.

Pre majors are now being told that they will have to pay back their financial aid if they do not continue in that field. Some places are getting around it by changing the names.

A bill to allow students to carry guns in schools is under way. Ramsey was against that when he was in office.

Foley: President Noland said that Governor Haslam would veto the bill.

6.3 Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee (Burgess)

There were no appeals

7. Action Item(s)

7.1 Committee on Committees (Foley)

No update

8. Questions on Reports/Summaries from Committees/Workgroups

Duncan: Could you expand a little bit on the free speech part where students can be expelled for trying to prevent speakers?

Epps: On the executive committee meeting with Dr. Noland, these were just things he said were in the legislature that were out there. He did not go in detail.

McGarry: What is inter-professional education and research?

Byington: Many of the accrediting agencies for the health sciences are requiring that students be provided opportunities to work in teams with inter-professionals so that they have experience in a team environment in a healthcare field. A few curriculum changes that are geared to supporting that. One of those is the renovation of building 60 on the VA campus. Each floor will be set up to aid in this requirement. One floor will be a classroom, another will be set up like a hospital, and another room will be a simulation lab.

Gray: It is also a way for professionals to get accredited for continuing education programs.

McGarry: So the assumption is that the professions are healthcare professions?

Byington: It can include things like social work, public health, clinical psychology. It is a broader than what we define as Health Sciences at ETSU.

Peterson: Have they discussed the role of research?

Byington: Yes, there is a research aspect, but I am not on that committee. Currently the research aspect is not clearly defined.

McDowell- I was asked to raise an issue for new business that I would like to have added to an upcoming meeting agenda. It has been mentioned to me that the schools sexual assault policy is not clear and it is leaving students and faculty in bad situations. I will give three quick examples. The sexual harassment training is not clear as to how to report a claim. Another problem is a lack of follow-up. My final point is that the complainant is not protected against further harassment after incident. There is a lack of clarity and follow through.

9. Comments from Guests

No guests were present

10. Adjourn



DISCUSSIONS

Brown: motioned to adjourn

Peterson: second

Meeting adjourned

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