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Staff Senate Minutes

November 8, 2004

PRESENT: Constance Alexander, Pat Barnett, Mark Bragg, Sharon Chandler, Laura Cooper, Renee Couch, Marcia Donnelson, Corintha Duncan, Charles Forrester, Joy Fulkerson, Linda Greenwell, Thomas Hill, Clifford Hudson, Diana McClay, Trillis McKee, Donna Murphy, Pat Myrick, Judy Oaks, Betty Ann Proffitt, Sherri Renfro, Wanda Richardson, Kathy Smith, Andre Stevens, Karen Sullivan, Rita Taylor, Carla Warner, Joe Webb

ABSENT: Wayne Andrews (excused), Kathy Brooks, Amy Bower (excused), Robert Calkins (excused), Kim Denton, Tim Dills (excused), Mary Duncan (excused), Betty Grice (excused), Darcy Martin, Terry Nelson, Cindy Proffitt (excused), Cindy Weaver (excused), Joe Webb

President Kathy Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes for October's meeting will be approved at a later date. President Smith received the notes for the minutes today, and there was not ample time to prepare them to present today.

New Business

Senator Gail Powers has had to resign from the Staff Senate and as Secretary. Senator Charles Forrester nominated Senator Constance Alexander for the position, and she was elected.

Committee Reports

A. Staff Development and Evaluations Committee – People are still being contacted for the committee.

B. Staff Concerns and Grievances – No report

C. Committee on Committees – Bobbie Lewis, former chair, has been contacted and will be sending information. The committee will meet at a later date.

D. Elections Committee – No report

Treasurer's Report – Senator Thomas Hill reported a balance in the operating account of \$1,834.32; staff senate shirt account balance of \$886.77; and \$7,000.00 balance in the yearly operating account. Senator Hill also stated he had several old staff shirts to sell for \$6.

Old Business

A. Staff Senate Shirts – President Kathy Smith stated the shirts have been ordered but have not been received.

B. Homecoming Festival – Senator Karen Sullivan reported the festival was a success and she appreciated all the volunteers that helped. She estimated 4,000-5,000 were in attendance.

C. Update on Food Drive – Senator Wanda Richardson reported that food and money were still needed for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. She recommended another email be sent to remind everyone of the need for donations and the deadline. Senator Diana McClay will send this notice later this week. Senator Thomas Hill reported that he had received \$210 in donations. Several student organizations will be helping this year by going door to door for contributions. Food City on Eastman Road in Kingsport donated 2,000 bags for their collection. Students will also be helping with the pick up of donations and with putting the boxes of food together.

D. Voluntary Emergency Assistance Program for ETSU Employees and Students – President Kathy Smith stated this item would be tabled until the first of the year.

Senator Corintha Duncan reminded everyone about the ceremony honoring veterans on Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

President Kathy Smith reminded everyone of the reception on Friday at 2:00 p.m. for David Jones who is retiring. The reception will be held in the Reece Museum.

President Smith stated Staff Senate will be short one senator. Graduate Studies has decided to have only one representative instead of the two they normally have since their department is shorthanded.

Pat Robertson spoke to the Senate on cultural diversity competence goals. The goal of providing diversity education for all university employees is in the process of being met. Another goal is for students to be educated in diversity. The board has indicated they will not approve a requirement for students to take a course on diversity education. Therefore, the task force will work with faculty to infuse diversity education to students.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 13, 2004, in Meeting Rooms
1 & 2, Culp Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Greenwell, Acting Secretary