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**Agenda
Staff Senate Meeting
March 10, 2008
Meeting Room 6
2:30 p.m.**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2008**
- 3. Treasurer's Report**
- 4. Guest Speakers:**
 - Dr. Stanton
 - Ms. Lisa Moffett - TSEA
- 5. Committee Reports:**
 - Staff Development and Evaluations
 - Staff Concerns and Grievances
 - Committee on Committees
 - Committee on Elections
 - Thanksgiving Food Committee
 - Picnic Committee
 - Blood Drive Committee
- 6. Old Business**
 - Parking Committee update
 - Senator Badges
- 7. New Business**
 - March 26th - wear Purple Day to support the ETSU Relay for Life. ETSU Relay for Life will be April 11-12 from 6 p.m. – 6 a.m.
- 8. Open Floor for New Agenda Items/Concerns**
- 9. Adjournment**

Please note: Next meeting Monday, April 14, 2008, Forum Room, Culp Center, 2:30 p.m.

**Minutes
Staff Senate Meeting
March 10, 2008
Meeting Room 6
2:30 p.m.**

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Present: Lisa Blackburn, Carolyn Bond, Queen Brown, Deanna Bryant, Sandy Bundy, Cindy Canter, David Collins, Corintha Duncan, Charles Forrester, Joy Fulkerson, Linda Greenwell, Dilawar Grewal, Angela Haire, Alison Johnson, Linda Lett, Donna Murphy, Stephanie Nave, Debbie Parks, E. Shea Renfro, Wanda Richardson, Sue Russell, John Sanders, Kathy Smith, Patricia Stafford, Debbie Stames, Vanessa Stephens, Karen Sullivan

Absent: Constance Alexander (excused), Kim Blevins (excused), Renee Couch (excused), Tim Dills (excused), Denise Dunn (excused), Chuck Patton (excused), David Robinson (excused), Jamie Simmons (excused), Carla Warner (excused)

The meeting was called to order by President Blackburn at 2:30 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Stanton was introduced for his presentation. Dr. Stanton stated there will be no new funding from the state. The money will be tight, therefore, no new funds for capital outlays. Dr. Stanton stated ETSU is the fastest growing university in the state and enrollment is steadily growing with no cap. Along with the university growth expansion is the increase in cars on campus and Dr. Stanton reiterated the plan for additional parking. He named some of the projects in the planning stages for ETSU, such as, a new condo dormitory in 2009, the Clinical Building for the Medical School, the expansion of WETS, more acreage around the Fossil Site, and the business venture with Carnegie. He regretted missing the presentation given to Terry Nelson for his many years of service and personally thanked the staff senate for the Resolution in December. After Dr. Stanton's presentation, there was a question and answer session. Some of the questions were related to future plans to return football and plans in retention of students. Also, Lisa Moffitt, TSEA, thanked Dr. Stanton for his involvement in the TSEA organization.

Lisa Moffitt, TSEA, was introduced by President Blackburn. Ms. Moffitt stated two items which concern Bill 2816, House 2499 which exempted phone number, home address, city, state, zip code and date of birth from public employees from the open records law. Ms. Moffitt asked the senators to contact their representative; John Lombard is on the committee, to urge passage of this bill. The second item is Bill SB2758 which concerns any state employee who has thirty years of service can take a class for free. This includes the retirees. Ms. Moffitt handed out membership packages and urged the senators to join TSEA. The membership is \$13.60 per month and is payroll deductible.

Minutes: Senator Carolyn Bond made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2008. The motion was seconded by Senator Joy Fulkerson and was approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report: Senator Jamie Simmons was attending the Faculty Senate meeting related to the parking committee. There was no treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

- Staff Development and Evaluations - none
- Staff Concerns and Grievances - none
- Committee on Committees - none
- Committee on Elections - none
- Thanksgiving Food Committee - none
- Picnic Committee

The picnic will be held on May 16 at the CPA building. There will be no theme this year except everyone will be asked to "Show Your Pride" by wearing blue and gold. There will be door prizes and staff awards given.

- Blood Drive Committee - none

Old Business

- Parking Committee update – President Blackburn summarized the parking status. Chuck Patton, Jamie Simmons, Corintha Duncan, and Tim Dills are representative from the staff senate on the parking committee.
- Senator Badges – President Blackburn urged those who have not obtained their badges to please do so.

New Business

- March 26th - wear Purple Day to support the ETSU Relay for Life. ETSU Relay for Life will be April 11-12 from 6 p.m. – 6 a.m.

Open Floor for New Agenda Items/Concerns - none

Adjournment – Senator Joy Fulkerson made a motion to adjourn. Senator Wanda Richardson seconded the motion.

Please note: Next meeting Monday, May 12, 2008, Forum Room, Culp Center, 2:30 p.m.