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FACULTY SENATE AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009
2:45 PM MEETING ROOM 6

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LAST MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 FACULTY SENATE

Call to Order: President Paul Trogen

Approval of Minutes:

Continuing Business: Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to senators ending terms in 2009;

Passing of the gavel to 2009-2010 Faculty Senate President David Champouillon;

Presentation of plaque to 2008-2009 Senate President Paul Trogen;

Adjournment of 2008-2009 Faculty Senate.

FIRST MEETING OF THE 2009-2010 FACULTY SENATE

Call to Order: President David Champouillon

New Business: Power Point presentation on Stimulus BUC\$ Challenge by Marsh Grube;

Report on TUFSS Summit and introduction of TUFSS position paper by Trogen;

Election of three at-large representatives to the Executive Committee;

Appointments to standing University committees: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, one with term ending in 2012; meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 2-4 pm;

Wellness Committee, one member from Pharmacy with term ending in 2010 and two at-large Senate members with terms ending in 2010 and 2012;

General Education Advisory Committee, one with term ending in 2012;

Approval of Senator Hemphill as Senate representative on the Disclosure

Review Committee.

Motion: Any former Senate president who remains in or is re-elected to the Senate be a member of the Senate Executive Committee if he/she is willing to serve (Senator Grover);

Motion: The ad hoc Financial Affairs Committee be made a standing Senate Committee involved with budget oversight and other responsibilities (Troger);

Motion: An ad hoc Faculty Affairs Committee be established to deal with the Faculty Handbook, periodic evaluations information, and other matters (Senator Alsop).

Adjournment:

Please Note: Next meeting is September 21, 2009, at 2:45 pm, in the Forum, Culp Center.

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UPCOMING MEETING:	FOLLOWING MEETING:
September 21, 2009 2:45 pm Forum, Culp Center	October 5, 2009 2:45 pm Forum, Culp Center

Present: Alsop, Arnall, Bartoszuk, Bates, Bitter, Brown, Buerkle, Burgess, Byington, Calhoun, Champouillon, Creekmore, Crowe, Dorgan, Drummond, Ecay, Fisher, Fitzgerald, Gerard, Glover, Govett, Granberry, Grover, Harker, Hemphill, Kaplan, Kelley, Kellogg, Kortum, Martin, Metts, Mozen, Mullersman, Mustain, Odle, Peiris, Price, Reed, Roach, Schacht, Scott, Shafer, Shuttle, Smurzynski, Stone, Trogen, Zhu, Zou

Excused: Campbell, Emma, Hamdy, Horton, Loess, Trainor

Absent: Stuart

LAST MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 FACULTY SENATE

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, President Trogen called the meeting to order at 2:48 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 20, 2009, Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

Trogen welcomed both the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 senators, thanking the former for their hard work and noting that financial difficulties made the year especially trying. He wished all a good, productive year and awarded Certificates of Appreciation to senators whose terms were ending.

Trogen passed the gavel to 2009-2010 Faculty Senate President Champouillon, who presented Trogen with a Plaque of Appreciation for his excellent service. Trogen also received an enthusiastic round of applause.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Trogen adjourned the 2008-2009 Faculty Senate at 2:56 pm.

First Meeting of the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate

CALL TO ORDER: President Champouillon called the meeting to order at 2:58 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: **Senator Bitter explained the Stimulus BUC\$ Challenge**, inviting all faculty and staff to submit proposals for the use of \$500,000 ETSU is getting in stimulus dollars. Proposals must either: a.) save money directly now; b.)

spend some money now to save more money later; c.) increase income immediately or later. He provided an example of each type of proposal and asked all senators to discuss the challenge with constituents. ETSU is a model for how to get through the budget crisis, and the administration has bent over backwards to accommodate faculty's suggestions. In turn, we must continue to help. Stimulus dollars will last two years and then be gone. We must use them wisely.

Senator Arnall asked if any suggestions have been made to limit the numbers of hard-copy periodicals in ETSU's libraries. Senator Shuttle said he is responsible for periodical holdings and will welcome any money-saving proposals.

Arnall said pre-payment of accreditation fees might save money by avoiding fee increases that might come later. Bitter said some programs do not permit pre-payment, but for those that do, stimulus dollars could forestall rising prices. He added that the paperwork to submit a proposal for the challenge is not difficult. Senator Alsop said the challenge forms ask for an explanation of proposals of about 250 words or so. Bitter said the forms are on line and asked that any questions be directed to Marsh Grube.

Past President Trogen reported on the August 2009 meeting of Tennessee University Faculty Senates and its Position Paper on the restructuring of higher education in Tennessee. He explained that Governor Bredesen is meeting with a task force to reform higher education and has expressed a desire to consolidate graduate programs and research into one or two "flagship" institutions. TUFs created the PP to ensure faculty's having a voice and to take a stand against a two-tier system that would diminish regional schools' specialties, such as ETSU's highly developed programs in the health sciences. Trogen said he would prefer leaving everything alone, but the state cannot afford three systems. Cutting away a layer, such as THEC, would be symbolic, though it would save little money.

Champouillon said that the September 21st Senate meeting would be taken up with an in-depth discussion of the paper before a vote and asked that we save our concerns until then.

Senator Dorgan asked if the vote would be on particulars of the paper or on the whole document. Alsop said TUFs seeks an up or down vote. A strong endorsement would propel the paper forward to the governor and legislators.

Bitter said the implication is that THEC is superfluous; he asked if that is true. He hypothesized that all state universities might be consolidated into the UT system and asked about safeguards. Champouillon reiterated that the next meeting would focus on the paper. His "gut feeling" is that if we do nothing, we lose power to the UT system. Trogen agreed, saying if we back the paper, we have a voice with legislators and the governor. We are also burdened with divisiveness in the TBR Subcouncil, where representatives are given the message

that the Subcouncil is their only voice and where universities are outvoted by community colleges and technical institutes.

Senator Grover moved that “Any former Senate president who remains in or is re-elected to the Senate be a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee if he or she is willing to serve.” Senator Morgan seconded. The motion passed with three abstentions.

Trogen moved that “The ad hoc Financial Affairs Committee be made a standing Senate committee involved with budget oversight and other related matters.” Bitter seconded, commenting that Continuous Improvement Teams discovered that even administrators disagree about where money goes. Alsop said that other universities have knowledge of and some control over budgets. The motion passed with no dissensions.

Alsop moved that “An ad hoc Faculty Affairs Committee be established to deal with the Faculty Handbook, periodic evaluations information, and other matters.” Senator Schacht seconded. Alsop explained that through TUFs members he learned that other faculty have control over handbooks. Champouillon added that he had broached the subject with President Stanton, Provost Bach, and COO Bishop. He asked that Alsop chair the committee.

Senator Dorgan asked if the proposed committee would be usurping another group’s charge or cause conflicts. Schacht said that the committee could change the perception that the Faculty Senate is a do-nothing organization. Bitter said that now, when the Senate institutes changes in the Handbook and passes them on to the Academic Council, there is no assurance that they will ever make it to the Handbook. He regards this as one of the best proposals he has seen in years. Alsop said that other schools post the last several versions of their handbooks on line so their contents and evolution are available to all; we need such accessibility to our own Faculty Handbook. Senator Mullersman called for the question. The motion passed unanimously.

COO Byington moved that Senator Hemphill be approved as Senate representative on the Disclosure Review Committee; Morgan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senators Shuttle, Price, and Hemphill were nominated for the at-large positions on the Executive Committee. Senator Buerkle moved that nominations be closed, and Morgan seconded. The three were elected by acclamation.

Champouillon said he would soon distribute his proposal for realigning the University Academic Council. The first 15 minutes of the next Senate meeting will be given over to a discussion and vote on the proposal.

Bitter said the elimination of five-minute parking slots near the Culp Center creates problems he would like to ask administrators about. Champouillon said the director of parking, Vernon Bradley, will be asked to meet with us during the first meeting in February 2010. Senator Martin reported that the Parking Committee, of which he is a member, exchanged some five-minute and handicapped parking spaces because the handicapped spaces were on an incline. Five-minute spaces are still nearby.

Schacht commented that he agreed with Bitter that ETSU has set the standard across the state for dealing with the budget crisis, among other issues. He credited President Stanton with our strengths, hypothesizing that Stanton's fidelity to the Hippocratic Oath has "trickled" through the administration and is "the source of our good fortune."

Alsop announced that part of the movement to make the faculty and Senate more visible is the inclusion of the Faculty Senate president on the stage during commencement ceremonies, to which Stanton has agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Champouillon adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

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