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MINUTES – March 4, 2002
Faculty Senate – East Tennessee State University

UPCOMING MEETING: March 18, 2002 2:45 pm Forum Room	FOLLOWING MEETING: April 1, 2002 2:45 pm Forum Room
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Present: Aston, Bitter, Breese, Broome, Butler, Chi, Cockerham, Collins, Deadman, Fisher, Grover, Hayes, Hemphill, Kerley, King, Logan, Mackara, Mattioli, Miller, Morgan, Mozen, Patrick, Prather, Price, Schaller-Ayers, Stanley, Tollefson, Verhegge, Williams

Excused: Anderson, Barnes, Cherry, Li, Rusinol, Trogen,

Absent: Bharti, Burgess, Kelley, Mehta, Mohon, Stone

Guests: Dr. Bert Bach, Dr. Tom Coates, Joyce Duncan, Alan Baldwin

CALL TO ORDER:

With a quorum present, President Logan called the meeting to order at 2:47 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 18, 2002 meeting were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attendance Policy/QEP: Senator Tollefson reported action of Student Senate regarding a university attendance policy. He reported that the Student Senate had adopted a resolution requesting that the attendance policy not be changed and did recommend that faculty develop ways to encourage student class attendance. He also noted that the current policy requires that faculty distribute, in writing, the attendance policy including consequences of nonattendance. **Motion** to support the Student Senate with the added requirement to include the attendance policy on the syllabus. Carried.

Tabled motions regarding the Academic Common Calendar from February 18th brought to the floor.

Motion by Senator Tollefson (2nd Senator Mackara) to express the hope that changes made in getting to a common calendar not restrict current flexibility in summer term. Carried

Motion by Senator Kerley (2nd Senator Tollefson) to voice support of the concept of an academic common calendar. Carried.

Committee Reports:**Academic Matters Committee – Senator Tollefson**

Committee has agreed to try to make a final recommendation of the plagiarism policy shortly; Senator Hugh Miller has agreed to chair a subcommittee to study faculty workloads; and, the committee plans to examine the issue of Disability Services no longer proctoring exams for disabled students.

Committee on Committees – Senator Butler

Will be distributing information of committee openings soon; announced that several college appointments were still needed for the University Wellness Committee.

Concerns and Grievances: Senator Collins

No report

Development and Evaluation: Senator Burgess

No report

Election and Bylaws: Senator Broome

No report

Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities – Senator Deadman

Committee in discussion regarding an alternative salary incentive proposal to the one that the University of Memphis will be suggesting to TBR. The committee is also wrapping up their survey of faculty use of statistical packages for OIT.

Legislative Affairs – Senator Patrick

Committee members continue to monitor the web sites of the Faculty Senates of TBR and UT systems; they plan to provide information to Senators regarding candidates for office. Senator Patrick also announced that there will be a legislative meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, 3/6 and a legislative breakfast in Elizabethton on Friday, 3/8. Also announced that there was submission of a bill to the Senate by Senator Crowe (to the house by Rep. Patton) requiring the board of regents and the University of Tennessee board of Trustees to include 25% of value of employee's sick leave at time of retirement in funding for annuities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Tom Coates described a new proposal to establish a cadre of students who will serve as volunteers during emergencies and disasters; to be called Response ETSU. These students will work with other agencies such as the Red Cross and FEMA. Liability will be covered through the umbrella organization(s) such as FEMA or The Red Cross. Opportunities to volunteer would be treated as any other university sponsored function with a maximum of 5 days missed classes. The cadre of students will be working out of

Student Life and Leadership. Physical Education is developing a new course in Disaster Response and Public Health is developing a minor in Disaster Response.

Questions from Senators centered around liability issues and missed classes. Dr. Coates will respond to these issues in writing for faculty distribution.

Alan Baldwin from OIT discussed several technology related issues including the endorsement by the ITC of standard hardware and software. For a description of these standard packages, go to the OIT web page and to the Premier Dell site. If a faculty member wishes to have a PC which is not standard, the request must be approved by OIT; if not approved by OIT then the decision can be appealed to the PC Standards Committee.

Also discussed was the new email systems – IMAIL for students (procedures for converting from Access and using this system available in writing and on web page) and an Exchange System is currently being evaluated; to be introduced as a web client system. By April 1, OIT hopes to be able to begin conversion

A web based Security Awareness training program will be available in the fall and will be required of all faculty.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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