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FACULTY SENATE AGENDA
Tuesday, January 18, 2005
2:45 PM Culp Forum

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

Call to Order: President Stanley

Approval of Minutes: December 6, 2004

Old Business: Discussion of proposed changes in Tenure and Promotion Policies

New Business: Jon Walker, Director of Campus Recreation, will present information about the Center for Physical Activity and its programs

Announcements:

Adjourn to Committees

Please Note: Next meeting Monday, January 31, 2005, Forum, 2:45 pm

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UPCOMING MEETING: February 7, 2005 2:45 pm Forum , Culp Center	FOLLOWING MEETING: February 21, 2005 2:45 pm Forum , Culp Center
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Present: Baryla, Bennard, Bitter, Burgess, Champouillon, Coates, Collins, Fisher, Grover, Littleton, Mackara, Morrow, Mozen, Mullersman, Shafer, Shuttle, Silver, Stanley, Thewke, Trogen

Excused: Chi, Breese, Davis, Jungkeit, Kelley, Li, Schaller-Ayers, Zogyie

Absent: Blanton, Cornett, Daniels, Davenport, Hayes, Kerley, Nave, Patrick, Silver, Singh, Stone, Wallace, Whitten

Guests: Jon Walker, Director of Campus Recreation

CALL TO ORDER: President Stanley called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm: a quorum was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 6, 2004 Senate meeting were not approved since a quorum was lacking.

NEW BUSINESS: Jon Walker encouraged faculty members to take advantage of CPA facilities to increase their health. He also encouraged faculty in supervisory positions to permit their staff to use flextime options to use CPA programs during their scheduled work hours. Senator Bennard asked if flextime is an absolute right. Walker replied that it is a privilege, not a right, but staff can request justification for refusal from supervisors. Shafer inquired about guest passes, since they are no longer officially available. Walker said he welcomes guests such as prospective employees or out-of-town visitors and provides his business cards as passes. Stanley asked if the CPA offers special programs. Walker said that faculty can schedule classes at the CPA and CPA staff would provide instruction. When Bennard asked if there are times that faculty cannot use the facilities, Walker replied that 3-8 pm is the busiest time, and he advises faculty to visit in the morning or at lunch time. Senator Bitter commented that the facilities and staff are very pleasant, but the center needs more elliptical machines. Walker said he hopes to increase the numbers of both the elliptical and weight station machines.

OLD BUSINESS: President Stanley reported that she must report to Bill Kirkwood on senators' responses to changes in the T-P Policies by January 28. Senators Bitter and Collins debated the requirement that colleges' entire P-T committees

be full professors. Collins said the decision was based on the need to have the most experienced committee members available and to make the college committees consistent with departmental policies. Stanley asked if the policy would mean that departments without full professors might never be represented on T-P committees. Senators Mozen and Coates said their departments are in this situation. Collins pointed out that every department is seldom represented. Bitter suggested that when feasible, representation of departments should be balanced. Collins pointed out that the dean of a college is responsible for dealing with such problems and suggested that the phrase "if feasible and appropriate" be added so that deans may have the option to structure committees to cover problems. Mackara and Collins further recommended that deans be charged with ensuring wide representation of a college. Senator Burgess requested that a coda be added: If representation is not broad, deans' appointees may include representatives irrespective of rank. Collins asserted that committee members must be required to have a certain number of years of service at ETSU, eight to ten if they are not full professors. A straw vote on the suggested revisions resulted in 14 for, 2 against. Stanley said that in the passage requiring candidates to develop new teaching methods, she wanted the phrase "for example" to replace the "word "including" before the phrase "on-line classes."

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Senator Fisher announced that THEC was to take action on the consultants' recommendation about UT's and ETSU's proposals to establish a pharmacy school in East Tennessee in about a week. Kingsport's, Johnson City's, and Bristol, TN's Chambers of Commerce all support ETSU's proposal. Other legislative issues are the requirement to balance funds available to school systems throughout the state, streamlining the state's sales tax, including a change of the area receiving the monies from the point of purchase to the point of delivery, and collective bargaining.

ADJOURNMENT TO COMMITTEES: President Stanley adjourned the Senate to committees at 3:55 pm.

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