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November 16, 1987

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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
November 16, 1987

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Anne LeCroy, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the November 2, 1987 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Council - Items covered were 1) a report on "Improving the Research Climate at East Tennessee State University" by Dr. Richard Crofts; 2) the annual review of the Developmental Studies Program by Dr. Emmitt Essin; and 3) the proposed degree in General Studies intended for re-entry older students by Dr. James Vaught. Other items reported on or discussed were the academic calendar, resource use and a campus visit by a delegation from China.

Academic Council - Items discussed were the budget update, academic calendar and the mailing of diplomas to summer semester graduates.

Other - As a result of a discussion in Faculty Senate about the need for more public phones in some areas of campus, Mr. Snyder wrote that phones can be requisitioned for a charge of \$35.00 /month by the appropriate department.

Senators were reminded that the Museum is requesting donations for poinsettias.

Dr. Bill Fisher announced that the Regents' Conference will be April 10-12, 1988-"Building Consensus on Student Learning". Probably twenty people from ETSU will be sent; usually 2-3 spots are available for Faculty Senate.

Dr. Fisher also called attention to a letter which all faculty will be receiving. The letter concerns a meeting of the TIAA-CREF Board of Trustees.

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Elizabeth Williams called attention to #13 on page 9 of the report dealing with computerized searching of other libraries' holding. She noted that this has been possible for a number of years through OCLC (a national network). She asked why a library faculty member had not been included on the committee. Dr. Crofts stated that those faculty involved in research were asked. Ms. Williams questioned the implied assumption.

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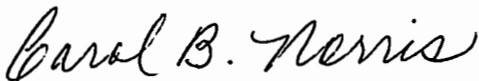
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Respectfully submitted,



Carol B. Norris  
(for Alfonso Lucero)

#### FACULTY SENATE ATTENDANCE November 16, 1987

##### Present

Suzanne Smith  
James Pleasant  
Etta Saltos  
Edwin Williams  
Colin Baxter  
Anne LeCroy  
David Close  
Frederick Waage  
Eduardo Zayas-Bazan  
Karen Renzaglia  
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F. Steb Hipple  
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Carol Norris  
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David Chi  
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Joyce Bassham  
Werner Waldron  
Greg Bishop

##### Absent

James Fields  
Robert Samuels  
George Granger  
Alfonso Lucero-excused  
Jean Frazier  
Margaret Houglund-excused  
Mitchell Robinson  
Clark Gillett  
Mark Airhart-excused  
Richard Verhegge  
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##### Guests

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