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FACULTY SENATE MEETING

April 18, 1988

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Hougland at 3:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the April 4, 1988 meeting were approved with corrections. (Werner Waldron was present; under Reports and Announcements, April 17 should be April 18).

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Beller's Address. Before the Senate proceeded with planned discussions, Dr. Hougland introduced President Beller who clarified the athletic fee issue. He explained that although funding for athletics was once state appropriated, it now must come from the education and general budget. We can no longer continue this practice and provide the necessary equipment for accreditation and quality education. He stated that changing athletic conferences or division level would not save any money. Reducing or eliminating the athletic program is not a possibility. He referred to the recent student survey as biased but admitted that even a valid survey would probably show a slight majority of students in favor of continuing an athletic program. Other Southern Conference schools have seen the necessity of having athletic fees. Appalachian State, a school of approximately the same size as ETSU, is scheduled to raise their fee from \$90 to \$100, even when they are better funded by their state than ETSU is. Memphis State, a sister SBR school, provided us with a model for charging \$45 (\$15 increase per year over three years). When asked what now needs to be done to get this fee off the ground, Dr. Beller answered that the issue is complicated. There needs to be more openness and study by all. It was not a decision made just by Dr. Beller or made quickly as a simple solution. It is not just a business issue.

President's Council - April 13. President Margaret Hougland reported that 96 ETSU candidates (100%) passed the National Teachers Examination, leading SBR institution. Objectives which meet the Geier stipulation for student enrollment and for hiring minorities to the faculty and staff were discussed. Funds for salaries are not known yet. THEC requires the institution to match funds for items on the legislative equipment list.

State Board of Regents Conference. Glenda DeJarnette reported on eight educational issues discussed at the Conference which centered around the theme of "Building Consensus on Student Learning".

Tennessee Higher Education Faculty Assembly. William Fisher reported that most of the meeting was spend discussing the State Health Insurance Plan. Mr. Richard Chapman, Director of the State Health Insurance Program, responded to questions concerning the program. Ms. Brenda Albright, THEC Budget and Finance, presented the phased retirement proposal that is being developed.

Committee Reports.

Concerns and Grievance Committee. The policy and procedures for non-tenure related grievances were submitted by the chair, Anne LeCroy, and accepted unanimously. The document will be added to the Faculty Handbook.

Elections Committee. Mark Airhart, committee chair, commented on the progress being made on the constitution and bylaws revision. These documents should be ready for Senate action in the early Fall. Deans have been notified of the number of Faculty Senators to be elected from the respective colleges.

Committee on Committees. Information about Committee vacancies is being mailed to the faculty to allow adequate time to consider nominations for membership. In addition, faculty may indicate their desire to receive Faculty Senate approved minutes.

Other Faculty Senate Standing Committees will report at the May 2 meeting.

The Executive Committee will meet with Dr. Robert Alfonso and Dr. Ronald Beller on May 9, 1988. Items for the agenda should be forwarded to any Executive Committee member.

The dates for the Fall Faculty Conference were announced as August 22, 23, and 24, 1988.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

State Health Insurance Program. A resolution prepared by the Executive Committee was introduced which expressed dissatisfaction with the new health insurance plan. After extensive discussion, a motion to accept the resolution passed unanimously. (See Attached Resolution)

Free Period Proposal. The proposal for a free period designated as 3rd period on Monday was discussed. Many questions remain unanswered. The Senators expressed a desire to request that the issue be tabled at the Academic Council until further explanation was made available about the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

The proposed Bachelor of General Studies Degree was presented by Dr. Paul Fendt and Dr. Mike Vavrek. Dr. Vavrek elaborated on the program components. Comments regarding the proposed program should be sent to Dr. Paul Fendt.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alfonso Lucero

FACULTY SENATE MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Present

James Pleasant
David Close
Colin Baxter
Paul Walwick
Al Lucero
Bill Fisher
George Granger
John Stone
John Taylor
David Chi
Clark Gillett
Mitchell Robinson
Brunhilde Tober-Mayer
Margaret Hougland
Katherine Dibble
Werner Waldron
Linda Kerley
Creg Bishop
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Ruth Ketron
Carol Norris
Etta Saltos
Suzanne Smith
Anne LeCroy
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Don Ferguson
Bill Campbell

Absent

Jim Fields
Edwin Williams-ex
Steb Hipple
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Guests

Dr. Beller
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