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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING

November 7, 1988

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Anne LeCroy at 3:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

An amendment was made by Jim Pleasant to discuss the minutes of the October 21, 1988 meeting, and table until the November 21, 1988 meeting for approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blue Cross Insurance. Dr. William Fisher gave out a hand-out concerning Tennessee State Employee's Association (TSEA) suing Blue Cross Insurance. The action seeks damages and a temporary injunction against the insurance company. Blue Cross acts as a third party administrator for the health benefit plan established for state employees. The TSEA is a non-profit organization with more than 19,000 members representing the interests of state workers.

The Kiplinger Washington Letter. Dr. William Fisher also distributed a letter concerning Japanese financial clout. The Kiplinger Washington Letter stated "...Japan's lobbyists in Washington far outspend those of U.S. interests, such as U.S. Chamber, White House aides, Congressman, ... to work for THEM...?" The economic pressure from Japan will not ease. Business people in Japan work on the assumption that the yen may go as high as 100 to the dollar and think they can sell goods here at that level.

Mark December 21, 1988 on your calendar. This is when the National Economic Commission will make recommendations to the new Congress as well as President-elect, George Bush, on taxes, spending, health care, trade, savings and investments, and economic growth.

Proponents hope it provides political cover for the new President, and new Congress, just as the Social Security Commission did. The Commission is supposed to suggest ways to reduce the deficit. Tax increases are likely targets: higher income taxes, possible higher gasoline taxes, and maybe even a broad energy tax.

Academic Council. On October 27, 1988 the curriculum proposals for Supervision and Administration, Geography and Geology were presented and passed. The program of Applied Science and Technology and Education, was presented and approved, for probable implementation in Fall of 1989 or Spring, 1990.

A discussion of changing the QPA for graduation was put off until such time that the student representative (SGA) could attend a Council meeting.

President's Council. Dr. Beller presented the October Budget Revision, which included additional funds available from unallocated fund balance and estimated revenue increase: \$1,218,090. Expenditures, nondiscretionary, totaled \$651,360; discretionary, \$291,460, left a balance of \$275, 270.

Tennessee Teachers Education summary. Dr. Nutter summarized the report on TTEA, noting the optional internship offering post-Baccalaureate certification, and the replacing of ~~an~~ Elementary Education major by a major in Liberal Arts, including an interdisciplinary major, to begin in Fall, 1990.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

University Council. The Administrative Committee will meet on November 17, 1988 to plan agenda. Please submit items for consideration to Anne LeCroy, P.O. Box 22,990A.

Executive Committee. The Senate Executive Committee will meet with Drs. Beller and Alfonso on Tuesday, November 22. Agenda items must be given to the committee by Wednesday, November 16.

Special Meeting. The Senate, with members of Staff Senate and SGA, will meet on November 28, in the Forum at 3:45p.m., for open discussion of traffic and parking problems. Philip Pindzola, City Traffic Engineer, members of the Committee on Traffic and Parking, and Dr. Ikenberry (Internal Research) will lead discussion and respond to questions.

November 21, 1988. The Senate will hold its regular meeting to deal with Committee Reports, Old, and New Business. It is especially important that all Senators be present. This meeting is also located in the Forum at 3:45 p.m.

PROGRAM

Drs. Vaught and Hales described and discussed:

- A) the CIM program
- B) the¹Mainframe concerns
- C) and²Future plans on Campus-wide
Communications Network

There was much discussion and questions from Senators and guests.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

The attendance will be distributed at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,


Werner Waldron