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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 19, 1990

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hugh LaFollette, President of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the February 26 and March 5 meetings were approved without corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Bill Fisher, Faculty Senate Treasurer, presented a financial report (See "East Tennessee State University Faculty Senate Financial Report", dated March 19, 1990). The remaining balances on 2-28-90 were: travel (\$1,667.41), operating expenses (\$796.51), supplies (\$108.78), and student worker (\$631.15).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Anthony DeLucia, Acting Vice President for Research, discussed the "Policy Statement (on) Scientific Misconduct (at) East Tennessee State University" (included in the mailout for this meeting). After providing an update on the progress of the document through the channels necessary for approval, he invited discussion of the policy and asked for Faculty Senate approval of the document. In the ensuing discussion, the following suggestions were made:

1. Change the first sentence of the second paragraph under II (POLICY AND PROCEDURES) to:

Any allegation of scientific misconduct can be made in writing to either the Associate Vice President for Research or to any member of the Committee on Scientific Misconduct.
2. Some rewarding is needed to assure that a person who is charged with scientific misconduct is adequately protected. For example, the statement "... it shall be the responsibility of the Committee to: ...

(5) Provide this individual with an opportunity to comment on the allegation and/or the findings of the Committee."

should be strengthened to assure that due process is followed.

Following discussion, Dr. William Stone moved that the Senate approve the document, with the amendments discussed. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Saraiyn Gold, Development and Evaluation Committee Chair, discussed the Committee's report on "Student Assessment of Instruction" (included in the mailout for this meeting) and moved for approval of the form. Dr. Gold accepted as an amendment that question 10 be changed to the following:

10. Does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, religion, or race, against students or specific groups of students.

Following a lengthy discussion, a motion to delete this question failed. Discussion then returned to the original motion, as amended. This motion passed.

Dr. Gold then moved for approval of the "Statement on the Student Assessment of Instruction and the Evaluation and Promotion of Teaching" (also included in the mallout for this meeting). The following amendments were passed:

1. Change the first sentence to:

The Faculty Senate believes that the Student Assessment of Instruction should form only one component of a comprehensive program for the development and evaluation of teaching at the University.

2. Change the next-to-last paragraph to:

The Faculty Senate also recommends that the Office of Institutional Research determine and report the reliability coefficient of the SAI each time the instrument is used. Moreover they should determine the instrument's validity as appropriate.

The instrument should be revised in light of these findings. In addition, the instrument (SAI) should be reviewed every two years by the Faculty Senate Development and Evaluation Committee.

4. Change the last paragraph to:

Finally, the Faculty Senate wishes to emphasize that the Student Assessment of Instruction should only be used in the context of the above recommendations. Above all, it considers these recommendations more important to the evaluation and development of good teaching than either the SAI or any other single evaluation tool.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Present

Bob Riser
Carroll Hyder
Jim Pleasant
Suzanne Smith
Mark Holland
Scott Beck
Christa Hungate
Hugh LaFollette
Colin Baxter
Anne LeCroy
Alfonso Lucero
Charles Johnson
Bill Fisher
George Granger

Chris Ayres
Sue McCoy
William Stone
Carol Gordon
Virginia Adams
Phil Scheuerman
Saralyn Gold
Gene McCoy
Marie Tedesco
Robert Davidson

Absent

Lattie Collins
David Close
Edwin Williams
Katie Dunn
Ernest Bentley
Mary Nelson - ex.
Charles Beseda
Bill Campbell - ex.
Brad Arbogast
Bob Acuff
Margaret Hougland
Clark Gillett
Rosemary Brown
Deborah Fortune