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FACULTY SENATE
NEXT MEETING:
March 4 at 3:30 pm
FORUM ROOM, CULP CENTER

Notes: TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRS: Please circulate among your faculty. THANKS.

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of the February 18 minutes (enclosed).
- 2) Treasurer's report.
- 3) Announcements
- 4) Review processes for Deans and Vice-Presidents

The current policy for periodic review of academic deans involves the (voluntary) participation of tenured faculty. Academic council recently discussed whether or not tenure-track faculty should also participate. Among the suggestions were (1) including tenure-track faculty with a minimum of two years at ETSU in the review process, (2) including all tenure-track faculty in the review process, and (3) retaining the current policy. The Senate has been asked to consider revision of the review policy.

Current policy also includes a process for the review of the Vice-President of Academic Affairs. There is no review process for other vice-presidents.

- 5) Status report of ad hoc Budget Committee - Bob Acuff

Note items 2 & 3 of enclosed report on 2/20/91 Presidents Council meeting.

- 6) Other business
 - 7) Adjournment
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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING FOR March 4, 1991

In the absence of President Bob Riser, President-elect Bob Acuff chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 3:43 p.m. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the February 18, 1991 were approved without correction. It was later called to the secretary's attention, however, that Elizabeth Williams, medicine, is on active duty in Saudi Arabia, and should be "excused" from senate meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Saralyn Gold reported that the senate's balance through January 1, 1991 is \$4292.22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Anne LeCroy, arts and sciences, and chair of the senate's Committee on Committees, reported that each senator will receive a list of openings for university standing committees. She urged senators to make their recommendations and return them promptly. The tentative deadline for returning the lists is March 29, 1991.

Dan Johnson, arts and sciences, chair of the Academic Matters Committee, announced that the committee will survey part-time faculty members to obtain data from them on their roles and functions in the university community. A draft of the survey has been submitted to committee members for their input.

George Poole, senate representative on the Ad Hoc Committee on Finals Schedules, reported that the basic structure of the final exam schedule has not been altered in ten years. He noted that much thought has gone into this schedule and that overall it is a sound schedule. The schedule separates exams of adjacent classes and spreads them throughout the exam week. To accommodate the non-traditional student who must take adjacent classes, the committee will consider the possibility of scheduling exams of adjacent classes on the same day.

Bill Fisher, business, announced that the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System will switch from ten-year to five-year vesting. Fisher also reported that Governor McWhorter assured TSEA members that longevity pay will not be eliminated.

NEW BUSINESS. Review Policy for Deans and Academic Vice-Presidents. Academic Council requested that the senate consider revision of the current policy which calls for voluntary participation of tenured faculty. Senate discussion commenced on the question of whether all tenure-track faculty should be allowed to participate in this review process. A few senators voiced the concern that non-tenured faculty would be reluctant to record negative comments and thus would only forward positive comments on a dean's performance. This would result in an unbalanced, and possibly inaccurate review of performance. But other senators emphasized that non-tenured faculty have unique concerns which should be heard. Other senators reiterated that participation is voluntary, thus no one would be forced to participate in this review process.

Margaret Hougland, medicine, moved that the senate recommend the voluntary participation of all tenured and tenure-track faculty members in the review of academic deans. Discussion followed on the motion. Bill Campbell, University School, emphasized again that participation should be voluntary, and anonymous. Dan Johnson, arts and sciences, expressed the view that non-tenured faculty have unique interests and views which need to be heard. The motion carried 18 for, 4 against, and 2 abstentions.

	1993 FALL	1994 SPRING	SUMMER SESSION INTERSESSION	TERM 1	TERM 2
Classes Begin:	30-Aug-93 M ¹	10-Jan-94 M	16-May-94 M	06-Jun-94 M	12-Jul-94 T
Last Day of Classes:	10-Dec-93 F	29-Apr-94 F	03-Jun-94 F	11-Jul-94 M	15-Aug-94 M
Final Examinations Begin:	13-Dec-93 M-Th	02-May-94 M-Th	NA	NA	NA
Commencement:	18-Dec-93 Sat	07-May-94 Sat	X	X	X

Class Holidays:

Labor Day: 13-Sep-93 M
 Fall Break: 29-Oct-93 F
 Thanksgiving: 02-Dec-93 Th
 03-Dec-93 F

Martin Luther King: 17-Jan-94 M
 Spring Break Week Begins: 07-Mar-94 M-F

Independence Day:

04-Jul-94 M

Analysis: =====

	Sessions	Min	Sessions	Min	Sessions	Min	Sessions	Min	Sessions	Min	
MF Sessions (55 min):	42	2310	44	2420							
TX Sessions (80 min):	29	2320	30	2400							
M Eve Class Sessions (min):	14	2450	14	2450							
T Eve Class Sessions (min):	15	2625	15	2625							
M Eve Class Sessions (min):	15	2625	15	2625							
X Eve Class Sessions (min):	14	2450	15	2625							
Summer Class Sessions:					15		25	2250		25	2250

(Minutes/Class Session: Eve @ 175; Summer M-F @ x 90)

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