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FACULTY SENATE

NEXT MEETING: April 17, 1995, 3:30 PM, Culp Forum

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 3, 1995 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 17, 1995

NEXT MEETING: May 1, 1995, Culp Forum

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Peggy Cantrell called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 3, 1995 minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Report from Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee Laura McCammon reported that the workshop about student assessment of instruction, conducted by the, had involved excellent discussion among the small group attending.

Laura McCammon announced that the committee will be studying the FAE during the 1995-96 academic year and invites comments and suggestions. The committee also invites suggestions as to other issues that the faculty would like them to address.

Search for Athletic Director Laura McCammon announced that Larry Gallo, candidate, was on campus for interviews on Monday, April 17, 1995. There was a reception for him at the Sheraton on Monday evening.

John Cropp, candidate, will be on campus Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26. Faculty can meet with him on Tuesday at 2:15PM in the Culp auditorium.

Jim Weaver, candidate, will be on campus Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday May 3. Faculty can meet with him at Tuesday at 2:15PM in the Culp auditorium.

Contact Laura McCammon for further information.

Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) Appointments are being made to the TLC Steering Committee. Donn Gresso is chair of the steering committee in its search for a TLC Director.

Peggy Cantrell announced that the TLC has been granted a budget that will enable it to function in supplying resources and activities on a university-wide basis.

Academic Matters Committee Mark Hagy announced that the committee is ready to begin study of issues related to plus - minus grading and transfer of courses and grades as soon as sufficient information is available for analysis. There was some question as to reason for further review of the plus - minus system; the committee will review the background of the issue and produce a memo stating the steps to be taken in addressing the situation. Minutes of the committee's meeting concerning the two issues are attached to these minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Fisher announced that the appointment of a faculty member to the Tennessee Board of Regents has been passed, but the process of appointment and tenure is not clear. Peggy Cantrell will ask Bonnie Stanley to get full information on the process of appointment and tenure.

Peggy Cantrell noted that mailing of the call for nominations to university committees had been delayed due to problems in getting labels, and the call went out with an expired date for return. She asked that people complete the forms and send them in as soon as possible, so committee appointments can be made.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 4:23PM.

respectfully submitted

E. Jane Melendez, Secretary

FACULTY SENATE ATTENDANCE 1994-1995

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**Marian Clark
Jimmy Hahs
Keith Johnson
Jim Pleasant

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Peggy Cantrell
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Guha Krishnaswamy
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Nursing

**Sally Crawford
Priscilla Ramsey
Sharon Rose
**Lee Glenn

Public & Allied Health

*Julie Harrill Bowers
**Mike Benton
Mark Hagy
Elaine Murray

Academic Matters Committee
April 10, 1995 Meeting

Members Present: Mark Hagy, Anne LeCroy, Elaine Murray, Sharon Rose, Julie Bowers

Members Absent: Steve Ralston, Randy Nentrup

Guests Present: Nancy Dishner, Linda Doran, Steve Wilkinson

Meeting called to order at 3:40 p.m. in room 232, John Lamb Hall

Following a brief period of introductions, Chairman Hagy outlined the items for discussion. These were (1) consideration of the plus/minus grading system and (2) the grade transfer policy. The discussions that followed are summarized below.

(1) Plus/Minus Grading System

The issue of the plus/minus grading system was initiated by members of the Student Government Association who stated, at an earlier Academic Matters meeting, that students were unhappy with the current grading policy. At that earlier meeting, SGA representatives proposed that ETSU adopt a policy that eliminates all "minus" grades. Following discussion, it was recommended that Chairman Hagy solicit additional information from the newest SGA representatives concerning the proposed grade policy changes as well as rationale for those changes. Such criteria might include grade policies from comparable institutions (a minimum of 6 such schools). These institutions should be regional, public schools of similar size and background as ETSU.

(2) Grade Transfer Policy

Dr. Nancy Dishner outlined what she perceived as the issues of concern regarding the grade transfer policy. These concerns are as follows:

- a. Should ETSU accept transfers of grades or transfers of credits?
- b. Should students be allowed to repeat a course at another institution and transfer those credits/grades back to ETSU?
- c. If a repeat of a course is achieved, is the grade obtained calculated in the student's QPA?
- d. Should grades below C level transfer, and if so, how is this transfer achieved?
- e. Should Remedial and Developmental courses transfer, and if so how is this transfer achieved?

After lengthy discussion on these major themes, it was decided that further consideration was needed. Chairman Hagy will contact the Registrar's Office and the Dean of Arts and Sciences in an attempt to obtain additional information.

Submitted by,
Julie Harrill Bowers

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