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FACULTY SENATE

NEXT MEETING: October 23, 1995, 2:45 PM, Culp Forum

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 9, 1995 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. William Coleman will present information about employee benefits.

Dr. Cynthia Burnley will present a report on the results of the College Student Experiences Questionnaire.

Discussion of the membership and term length for the Teaching and Learning Center. Copies of the proposed guidelines were distributed at the October 9, 1995 meeting.

Donn Gresso will report on the status of the Faculty Senate Resolution on ETSU Leadership.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Hal Knight will present the NCATE Institutional Report, which has been mailed to all senators. Please read your copy of the report and be ready to discuss your concerns.

Dr. Peggy Cantrell, Interim Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, will present the (1) MA/MS Option Requirements and Culminating Experiences and (2) Proposed Policy Revisions. Senators are requested to read the related written material they received in the mail prior to the meeting.

Dr. Bill Fisher will supply senators with information about the New HMO program for state employees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Please note: The meeting following the October 23, 1995 meeting will take place on November 6, 1995.

FACULTY SENATE ATTENDANCE 1994-1995

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Jimmy Hahs
Keith Johnson

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Donn Gresso
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Terrence Tollefson
Janis Weedman
Starlet Williams

Library

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Steven Berk
*William Browder
**David Chi
**Gail Gallemore
Leo Harvill
Guha Krishnaswamy
**JoAnn Rosenfeld
William Stone

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Sally Crawford
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Sharon Rose

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Albert Iglar
Donna Robbins

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 23, 1995

NEXT MEETING: November 6, 1995, 2:45PM, Culp Forum

CALL TO ORDER With a quorum present Donn Gresso called the meeting to order at 2:45 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The October 9, 1995 minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

William Coleman and Patsy Leach supplied senators with information about benefits for ETSU employees, covering the following topics: Security First 401K Plan, Health Source HMO, Provident Live Insurance, and Dental Insurance. Ms. Leach will meet with employees who want information about available benefits.

Dr. Cynthia Burnley summarized a written report on the results of the 1992-93 Enrolled Student Survey. Dr. Burnley emphasized that the survey indicated a lack of students' active involvement in their own learning; she feels this is a cause for concern on the part of faculty. The written report is available in the Faculty Senate Office. Dr. Burnley also commented on other surveys used to gather data about student outcomes: the 1994 Alumni Survey, which is almost ready to be presented; the Field Test, used to measure students' knowledge in their major fields; and the Core Exit Exam, designed to measure students' increase in general knowledge just before graduation. Dr. Burnley also mentioned current work on development of faculty-generated measures of student outcomes in both proficiencies and general knowledge.

Donn Gresso expressed concern that so few faculty are informed about the connection between goals set by the university and performance funding. He pointed out that each year certain departments are selected to be assessed by the state for a study of how well goals have been reached, and that supplemental funding may be adjusted in relation to performance on goal-based criteria. Understanding the process makes people aware that setting goals and working for improvement directly affects funding for the university. Dr. Gresso would like to see faculty become more actively involved in the process. He feels that Departmental Chairs should make every effort to see that faculty are informed of processes and their impacts, and he encourages senators to request availability of information in their departments.

Discussion of the membership and term length for the Teaching and Learning Center was postponed for the next Senate Meeting.

Donn Gresso reported that the Faculty Senate Resolution on ETSU Leadership was adjusted according to senators' suggestions, including the addition of Dr. Paul Stanton's name. The resolution, printed on Faculty Senate letterhead, was sent to Governor Sundquist, the Commissioner of Higher Education, TBR Representatives, Dr. Roy Nicks, Dr. Bert Bach, and Dr. Paul Stanton. To accompany the resolution, Dr. Gresso wrote a cover letter, explaining that the resolution is an expression of appreciation for the leadership at East Tennessee State University and for the improvements that leadership has made. The closing paragraph of Dr. Gresso's letter expresses appreciation for policies that encourage faculty involvement in decision making and the allotment of funds for support of improvements on campus.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Hal Knight informed Senators that the NCATE and SDE Boards of Examiners will meet with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 1:00-1:30 PM, November 7, 1995. The major area of interest to be dealt with at the meeting will be faculty concerns. Dr. Knight also pointed out that the College of Education is a part of a larger context in teacher training, and that the visiting team may ask questions of people all across campus. It is important that the team gets a complete picture of all the environments in which prospective teachers get their education. (Dr. Knight's comments occurred at the beginning of the meeting.)

Dr. Peggy Cantrell, Interim Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, had sent out prior to this meeting copies of the MA/MS Option Requirements and Culminating Experiences and Proposed Policy Revisions with a request that senators read the documents and be ready to discuss them. A motion for Senate endorsement of the MA/MS Option Requirements and Culminating Experiences passed. Dr. Cantrell asked senators for comments and/or suggestions in regard to the Proposed Policy Revisions. She also handed out a suggested revision for the Continuous Enrollment Policy for graduate students and requested senators to supply her with comments and suggestions.

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Dr. Peggy Cantrell announced that the revised incomplete grade policy, endorsed recently by the Senate, has been signed by Dr. Nicks, and will be official as of fall 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

The Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Jane Melendez

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