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FACULTY SENATE

NEXT MEETING: March 4, 1996, 2:45 PM, Culp Forum

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 19, 1996 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Proposed by-laws for the Teaching & Learning Center Tabled from a previous meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education Center Dr. Glenn Bettis will present plans and drawings for the center.

Senate Elections The Election Committee will present their plan for electing new officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT Senators will adjourn from the general Senate meeting to their subcommittee meetings.

Please note: The meeting following the March 4, 1996 meeting will take place on March 18, 1996.

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 4, 1996

NEXT MEETING: March 18, 1996, 2:45PM, Culp Engrand Tennessee Room

CALL TO ORDER With a quorum present Donn Gresso called the meeting to order at 2:48 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The February 19, 1996 minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Proposed by-laws for the Teaching & Learning Center Stephen Patrick distributed a copy of the proposed by-laws for the Teaching & Learning Center. He explained that the Senate can vote on endorsement of the by-laws only after the Teaching & Learning Center Board of Directors has approved them. He requested that Senators contact him if they have any suggestions for change in the proposed copy.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education Center Dr. Glenn Bettis presented plans and drawings for the proposed center. The center will be property of Johnson City Development, and the University will be able to rent space for functions. The proposed location for the center is adjacent to the University.

Faculty Senate Elections Representing the Election Committee, Steve Ralston explained the process for nomination and election of 1996-1997 Senate officers. Nominations will be opened with oral and written announcements on April 1 and closed on April 15. Each nominee will be expected to submit a written statement addressing both his or her willingness and ability to serve. The election will take place by secret ballot on April 15, with Senators unable to attend the meeting permitted to send a representative to vote by proxy. Names of the new officers will be announced immediately.

Tennessee Senate Bill 2878 Senators were supplied with copies of a bill put before the State Senate by Rusty Crowe in which it is suggested that a particular method of instruction for reading acquisition be mandated for all elementary schools in Tennessee. The bill also stipulates aspects of curriculum to be taught in Tennessee Colleges of Education. A committee was formed to compose a resolution in response to the bill. The committee's proposed resolution will be distributed to Senators for their input, before it is submitted for vote of approval.

Creation of a Faculty Senate Ad hoc Committee Paul Kamolnick moved that the Senate form an Ad hoc committee to monitor proposed legislation with potential to affect academic freedom of educators in Tennessee. The Senate has become aware of two bills which, in effect, mandate or seriously restrict curriculum. It appears that there are more on the way. The motion was seconded and, after discussion, it passed with the understanding that the Ad hoc Committee will track legislation and keep the Senate informed. It was suggested that the Ad hoc Committee maintain liaison with the Academic Matters Committee. Dr. Kamolnick distributed a partial list of legislators who represent the university and its community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donn Gresso announced that the Tennessee Board of Regents and the American Association of University Professors responded very quickly to the resolution on restriction of academic freedom passed by the ETSU Senate on February 19, 1996. Dr. Gresso also mentioned that other institutions responded to the resolution.

Stephen Patrick announced that Sherrod Library has changed circulation policy for periodicals. Beginning Summer, 1996 library patrons will not be able to check out periodicals. This change will continue through the fall semester, on a test basis. The manner of shelving periodicals on the current shelves will also be changed. As of summer 1996, current periodicals will be shelved in alphabetical order.

ADJOURNMENT Senators adjourned from the general Senate meeting to their subcommittee meetings at 4:00 PM.

FACULTY SENATE ATTENDANCE 1995-1996

*Excused **Absent

App. Sci. & Tech. Martin Barret Marian Clark *Jimmy Hahs Keith Johnson

Arts & Sciences Steve Brown **Peggy Cantrell Paul Kamolnick Anne LeCroy Jack Mooney George Poole Steven Ralston *Naill Shanks Bonny Stanley Ed Williams Business Murray Anthony Mike McKinney John Quigley Mark Steadman

Dev. Studies Jane Melendez

Education Donn Gresso Norma MacRae John Taylor Terrence Tollefson Janis Weedman Starlet Williams Library Stephen Patrick

Medicine Steven Berk William Browder *David Chi **Gail Gallemore *Leo Harvill **Guha Krishnaswamy **JoAnn Rosenfeld William Stone Nursing Lynn Abusamra **Sally Crawford Lee Glenn **Sharon Rose

Public & Allied Health

Julie Harrill Bowers *Mark Hagy **Albert Iglar *Donna Robbins