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FACULTY SENATE

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

NOTE TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRS: Please share the Senate agenda, minutes, and any other enclosures with your faculty prior to the scheduled meeting. Senate meetings are open to all faculty.

AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 4, 1996 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Committee Reports The Chair or representative of each committee will report on committee activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on University Standing Committees Mark Steadman will report on current status of committee assignments.

Wellness Center Dr. Jean Frazier will present information about the proposed ETSU wellness center.

Ad hoc Committee Paul Kamolnick will report on information gathered by the Ad hoc Committee charged with monitoring activities of the Tennessee Legislature.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employee Benefits Bill Fisher will share information about benefits for ETSU employees.

ADJOURNMENT

Please note: The meeting following the March 18, 1996 meeting will take place on April 1, 1996.

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 18, 1996

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 1996, 2:45PM, Culp Forum

CALL TO ORDER With a quorum present Donn Gresso called the meeting to order at 2:55 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The March 4, 1996 minutes were approved with an amendment to the effect that Stephen Patrick had submitted proposed changes in Sherrod Library policy for Faculty Senate endorsement. In the minutes it had been mistakenly reported that Dr. Patrick had presented the changes as already accomplished.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Committee Reports

Academic Matters: No report.

Committee on Committees: Mark Steadman, Chair, reported that lists of committee openings and requests for nominations to fill the openings will be mailed out in the near future.

Concerns and Grievances: Steven Berk, Chair, reported that the committee is currently working on revision of the Faculty Handbook section 5.9, which deals with the procedures to be implemented in searches for department chairs. Dr. Berk mentioned that, as the committee dealt with a group of faculty concerned about a departmental search, it became apparent that the Faculty Handbook policy was in need of revision.

Development and Evaluation: Jimmy Hahs, Chair, announced that a survey concerning current use of the FAP FAR FAE process will soon be mailed to all deans, chairs, and tenure track/tenured faculty. The results of the survey will serve the committee as baseline from which to begin work on suggestions for improvement of the process.

Elections: Donna Robbins, Chair, reminded senators that nominations for Faculty Senate officers will be accepted from the floor on April 1, 1996. The nomination procedure will continue to April 15, 1996. On April 15, 1996 the election will be held during the Faculty Senate meeting, and the results will be announced. Written guidelines for the nomination and election procedures were distributed at the March 4, 1996 Faculty Senate meeting.

Research: Terry Tollefson, Chair, reported the committee has reached the conclusion that there are not resources for the committee to engage in research. However, the committee is equipped to facilitate research proposed by other entities.

Executive: Donn Gresso, Chair, announced that there will be an Executive Committee meeting at 3PM on Monday, March 25, 1996 in the Teaching and Learning Center. He reminded Senators that the meeting is open to interested faculty.

Proposed Changes in Sherrod Library Policy Rita Scher answered questions related to the changes in library policy regarding check-out status of periodicals. The proposed policy stipulates that periodicals would not be available for checkout, but would have to be used in the library. Several senators felt that the policy would inconvenience faculty, while others felt the policy would make periodicals available to everyone, including students, on a continual basis. It was suggested that a three-hour checkout policy should be established for faculty. The proposal was amended to stipulate that faculty will be able to check out periodicals for three hours. Faculty Senate endorsement of the amended proposal passed unanimously.

Tennessee Senate Bill 2878 An ad hoc committee had been convened to draft a resolution in response to the "Right to Read Act of 1996". The committee's resolution was mailed with the March 4, 1996 minutes, making it available for review to the university community. Discussion of the resolution led to a change in word order for the sake of clarity. The resolution received unanimous endorsement through a Senate vote.

During the discussion of the "Right to Read Act of 1996," a question arose in regard to a Senate meeting with Rusty Crowe and Bob Patton. Some senators had perceived the meeting to have been closed to interested parties from outside of the Senate, and they took exception. All Faculty Senate meetings are open to interested parties. Donn Gresso

explained that the meeting had been arranged on very short notice, and the meeting room that was available had a limited seating capacity. In an effort to guarantee senators access to the meeting, he had asked that it not be publicized.

NEW BUSINESS

Information about the Proposed ETSU Wellness Center Dr. Jean Frazier reported that she had visited facilities at MTSU, TTU, and Vanderbilt which are similar to the wellness center proposed for ETSU. On the three campuses she visited, Dr. Frazier found student enthusiasm for the centers. She cited three positive outcomes generated by the centers: 1) They attract students and thereby contribute to recruitment and retention. 2) On the two campuses with fewer resident students, they appear to keep students on campus more during non-class time and weekends. 3) They supply on-campus employment for students. She noted that she perceived a sense of pride in ownership on the part of students; students agreed to pay for the centers through referendum. The universities pay fees for faculty to use the centers.

Ad hoc Committee on Academic Freedom under Tenure Paul Kamolnick reported on information gathered by the Ad hoc Committee charged with monitoring activities of the Tennessee Legislature. The bills about teaching evolution as theory and teaching reading through phonics are still alive and under consideration. The bill proposing changes in the membership of the textbook commission was defeated. The bill proposing time allotted for religious instruction during school was withdrawn.

Dr. Kamolnick distributed a handout that describes the proposed role of the Ad hoc Committee on Academic Freedom under Tenure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employee Benefits Dr. Bill Fisher distributed the Tennessee Optional Retirement Program (ORP) Performance Report for the period ending December 31, 1995.

Dr. Fisher also reported that the \$20 matching program might not continue, due to budget constraints.

TIAA-CREF is planning more flexibility in post-retirement redistribution of income sources within the program.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Jane Melendez

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

**William Stone

Nursing

Lynn Abusamra
Sally Crawford
Lee Glenn
Sharon Rose

Public & Allied Health

Julie Harrill Bowers
Mark Hagy
Albert Iglar
Donna Robbins