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ETSU Faculty Senate Agendas (Spring 97)

Faculty Senate Agenda  
Monday, January 27, 1997  
2:45 PM / Culp Center Forum Room

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 13, 1997

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: College elections for 1997-98 Faculty Senate. All deans have been sent the names of senators from their respective colleges whose terms expire in spring 1997. All elections must be completed by March 1st and the names of the newly elected senators forwarded to the Secretary by March 3rd.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports from January 13, 1997 meetings.

Discussion and vote of support for ETSU Women's Resource Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Paul Stanton, President of ETSU.

H. Keener Fry, Athletic Director.

ADJOURNMENT

**FACULTY SENATE**  
**East Tennessee State University**  
**MINUTES - JANUARY 27, 1997**

Last updated: 28 January 1997

**UPCOMING MEETING: February  
3, 1997, 2:45PM, Culp Forum  
Room**

**FOLLOWING MEETING: February  
17, 1997, 2:45PM, Culp Forum Room**

**Present:** Barrett, Berk, Boland, Brown, Chi, Clark, Crawford, Drew, Harvill, Kamolnick, King, Knight, LeCroy, MacRae, McKinney, Melendez, Miller, Mooney, Palmer, Patrick, Quigley, Robbins, Robinson, Rose, Stanley, Stanton, Steadman, Stone, Taylor, Tollefson, Weedman, Williams.

**Excused:** Abusamra, Iglar, MacKay, Ralston, Shanks.

**Absent:** Browder, Gallemore, Johnson, Krishnaswamy.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present President John Quigley called the meeting to order at 2:48 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 13, 1996 minutes were approved unanimously.

### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

- **Quigley introduced Dr. Paul Stanton, newly appointed ETSU President, and thanked him for coming to speak to the Faculty Senate. Dr. Stanton recounted that he has begun to review and visit each of the colleges, with only the College of Arts & Sciences remaining. He has also met with several local and regional media groups, including the Johnson City Press, Kingsport Times and the tri-city radio group in Gray with whom he has discussed sponsoring a one-hour radio program per week highlighting ETSU activities. A noontime show is being discussed with WJHL. He has begun to meet with surrounding chambers of commerce in order to promote the importance of ETSU to the region. Other activities are being planned and discussed.**
- **President Stanton discussed the financial and budget planning situation. He wants to revise the budgetary process and is working on several changes. He also highlighted the potential impoundment after July 1, 1997, of state fundings due to revenue shortfalls, voiced his concern and that he is taking precautionary measures.**
- **Stanton indicated that he has begun to do a walk-through of each building, evaluating problems and needs relating to departments and colleges. Once this is completed he will begin to prioritize programs and ideas. He stated that he realizes there is a problem with technology and that he hopes we will be able to bring our**

deficiencies up to a reasonable level and not lag behind. Technology will be probably be at the top of his priority list. Second, he stated that there is a need for a student learning center and has requested a proposal from student affairs and academic affairs for a joint venture by March 1st. He will continue to assess environmental problems in various campus buildings among other concerns.

- Regular meetings with the faculty senate president is also high on his list. He wants to discuss various issues of concern to the faculty and be able to assist when needed. He actively seeks the faculty senate's help, as well as that of all faculty, to aid him in solving problems and creating new opportunities.
- Dr. Stanton then opened the floor for questions from the senators. Issues raised and discussed included: increased enrollment and growth in distance learning, the need for parking structures, the need for additional land for physical growth of the campus, tuition breaks for students residing in border counties, the potential phaseout of selected programs under evaluation, the quality of education at ETSU versus projected growth of university, leadership and pride in ETSU, competition of new school of law located in Southwest Virginia, the need for rights and responsibility of faculty and students, funding.
- Quigley introduced the next guest, Keener Fry, ETSU Athletic Director, and thanked him for coming to speak to the Faculty Senate. Fry spoke to the senate on the important role intercollegiate athletics has education and the accomplishments ETSU has made in the recruitment of a higher quality of student athletes in recent years. The coaches support the academic program and encourages student athletes to excell. Fry also spoke about the funding process and the level of resource sharing between the athletic department and academics. There is a standing faculty athletics committee that reviews oversight in the program, as well as provides advice and assists in counseling. The department conducts an active drug-testing program (tests 10 students per week) and have tightened their standards on expulsion.
- Fry next spoke on graduation rates. ETSU student athletes have improved their rating with 56% of all those who have completed their eligibility graduating over a six year period. If you take out those who have left school or dropped out, then the graduation rate rises to 87%. This places ETSU in the middle of the Southern Conference, with several colleges above and below us. The retention rate is critical to a successful program in regard to scholarship moneys invested in recruiting outstanding student athletes. Fry read out the list of GPA averages by team: overall GPA for total (215) student athletes was 2.57; women's tennis, 3.25; women's track, 2.99; women's basketball, 2.96; women's volleyball, 2.93; men's tennis, 2.89; men's track, 2.85; women's golf, 2.6; men's baseball, 2.6; men's golf, 2.6; men's basketball, 2.5 (an increase, up from 1.8); men's football, 2.2 GPA (however, there were 10 football players with a GPA of over 3.0). The women's athletic program is prospering. The academic achievements of the women athletes are greater than the men's and they have won numerous conference championships in recent years. The department plans to include women's soccer this fall and women's softball within the next several years.
- The athletic department has a budget of approximately 3.8 million dollars in intercollegiate athletics. One half of the money comes from state allocation; the other half comes from various revenues (tickets, concessions, donations, etc). ETSU ranks from 5th to 7th in budget along side other Southern Conference colleges. The budget breakdown is: 30% salaries; 12% travel (team and recruiting); 21% operating costs; 37% scholarships.
- Mr. Fry then opened the floor for questions. Issues raised and discussed included:

equity issue (with the exception of men's football) between men's and women's athletic programs (funding and scholarships); the equity issue including men's football; NCAA self study and evaluation; alliance with campus recreation and physical education; motivation of overall student support for teams; visibility (marketing and public relations) of athletic program and university image.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Faculty Concerns and Grievances.** Steven Berk reported the committee has scheduled a meeting with Dr. Bach to discuss the white paper on tenure policy. It is hoped that this information can be brought to the full senate by the February 17th meeting.
- **Elections.** Donna Robbins thanked the Secretary for issuance of cumulative attendance sheets which are sent to deans and departmental chairs. She also reported the committee was formalizing election procedures in preparation of the election of 1997-98 Executive Committee. Stephen Patrick has volunteered to ad brief biographical information on current and newly elected faculty senators to the webpage that may assist senators in evaluating candidates. The committee is also going to study the guidelines in the Faculty Handbook for the selection of the chair of the Promotion and Tenure Appeals committee.
- **Academic Matters.** Martin Barrett reported the committee is studying the curriculum evaluations and the potential sale of complementary textbooks to faculty.
- **Faculty Research, Creative and Scholarly Activity.** Bill Stone reported that the committee is discussing a lot of issues including a health risk assessment for undergraduates, campus wellness center, a variety of internet and intranet issues (access, hardware, etc), the need for off-campus access to internet, and the potential inclusion of alumni access and the possibility of group rates.
- **Faculty Development and Evaluation.** Marian Clark thanked Anne LeCroy for chairing the committee during the fall semester and reported that the preliminary SIA draft responses are being compiled. The information will then be reviewed and evaluated.
- **Committee on Committees.** Mark Steadman reported that they are compiling a list of vacancies on faculty standing committees, as well as a list of possible replacements.
- **Treasurer.** Steadman reported that the Faculty Senate is still operating within its financial limitations.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

- Quigley referred to the information distributed at the previous meeting concerning the ETSU Women's Resource Center. He reminded the senate that this has already been approved by the President's Council and supported by other campus organizations. He informed the senate that \$10,000 in donations has been allocated for resources and that space has been secured in the basement of Panhellenic Hall for the center. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the Center. Quigley then opened the floor for discussion of this issue of whether or not the senate going on record as supporting this venture.
- Several senators voiced their personal opinions concerning the Women's Resource Center and a lively discussion followed. Various comments included the need for an equivalent men's resource center, as well as general support for all faculty and students. The question was called. The vote on support of the ETSU Women's Resource Center was a follows: 23 ayes, 1 nay, 3 abstentions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Quigley reminded senators of upcoming elections. All colleges must elect their replacements for retiring senators by March 1st. This is necessary so the Elections Committee can begin the process of soliciting nominations for Executive Committee Officers for 1997-98. Please report the results to Stephen Patrick, Faculty Senate Secretary by the deadline.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.



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