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Faculty Senate Agenda
Monday, November 24, 1997
2:45 PM / Culp Center Forum

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Melendez
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 27 and November 10, 1997
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Status report on Information Resources - Carl Dury

NOTE: Any faculty who wishes to hear this report is welcome to attend the meeting.

- Request from Lambda Society - Brandon Hutchison
- Discussion of issue from TBR Faculty Subcouncil about reduction of credit hours required for degrees.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Committee Reports:
 - Academic Matters
 - Committee on Committees
 - Faculty Concerns and Grievances
 - Faculty Development and Evaluation
 - Faculty Elections
 - Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - Senators are reminded that December 8th meeting will be a committee day.
- **ADJOURNMENT.**

PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting, Monday, December 8, 2:45 PM, Culp Forum

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UPCOMING MEETING: December 8, 1997, 2:45PM, Culp Forum Room **FOLLOWING MEETING: January 12, 1998, 2:45PM, Culp Forum Room**

Present: Barnes, Barrett, Berk, Boland, Burgess, Chenoweth, Chi, Drew, Gallemore, Harvill, Johnson, Kelly, King, Knight, LeCroy, MacKay, Melendez, Oppewal, Oyler, Palmer, Patrick, Robinson, Steadman, Stone, Taylor, Weedman, West, Williams.

Excused: Abusamra, Alavi, Collins, McKinney, Miller, Rose, Stanley.

Absent: Brown, Iglar, Parker, Perry, Ralston, Stanton.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present President Melendez called the meeting to order at 2:55 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 27 and November 10, 1997 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Carl Dury, Interim Associate Vice-President for Information Resources, and Kathryn Conway, Learning Technology Research Institute, made a joint presentation on the current state of information resources at ETSU. Dury outlined the events leading to his appointment at ETSU from Collegis. His is a 6 month partnership with the university to manage information resources. The official report, **Technology Assessment & Recommendations for East Tennessee State University, October 1997**, was released on November 1st. The report gives detailed findings from Collegis that dealt with infrastructure and items that needed to be addressed quickly. ETSU network capabilities is approximately 5 years behind where it should be, data and voice communications projects need to be implemented, and campus computing needs to be extended to the desktop level and operating with Windows95. The recommendations and status report indicates that information resources must be coordinated with the university mission/vision statement, recommendations must be made to Dr Bach in December, and there needs to be universal access for all students. An RFP is due by January 1 for a new campuswide telecommunications / telephone service that integrates voice, data and video capabilities. The recommendation further states that computer labs need to be upgraded and coordinated with priority usages established by the student technology fee committee. The current breakdown is: 1) student / departmental labs upgrade - \$420,000 (3-year plan in development for recommended upgrades in cycles); 2) network backbone - \$350,000; 3) technology in the classroom (7 multimedia classrooms) - \$87,799; 4) new library management system.

Conway spoke about the future and vision of technology. She indicated that currently there is no vision for technology, maintaining that the campus is distracted by day-to-day problems with the system and service. ETSU needs to address the vision for technology and involve faculty in the evaluation process. We must articulate this vision by facilitating visioning sessions including both faculty and administrators. We must examine the institutional process in relation to continuous improvement, defining performance and outcomes. We must identify program areas and make recommendations to pull units together, focusing on the long-term goals of the institution. For example: one group could include distance education, off-campus centers, the library, and student services. We must define the academic use of technology.

Dury closed the presentation with a call to facilitate plan development through the a variety of activities,

including an academic technology day, visioning sessions, cross boundary planning, and long-term recommendations. Dury entertained questions from the senators. 1) Where to faculty / staff offices fit into play? 2) How does the College of Medicine fit into the process? 3) What about upgrade of off-site labs? 4) How does bookstore fit into the issue?

II. Brandon Hutchison made a presentation in behalf of the Lambda Society regarding the inclusion of sexual orientation into ETSU's policy statement concerning non-discrimination. He indicated that the University of Memphis passes a similar statement in 1996 that was approved by TBR. He outlined the need for this addition to the policy, stating that certain segments of the campus population have no legal protection in the state in regards to education, housing, etc. and that these persons currently have no process for filing grievances. Hutchison asked members of the Faculty Senate to support this initiative by writing letters of support or criticism and sending them to the President's Diversity Task Force, and/or the Vice-President of Student Affairs. He indicated that these statements would be treated confidentially. This action would not be reflected in hiring (affirmative action), ROTC, and would not include spousal benefits. It was suggested that action on this matter be postponed until the January 12th meeting.

III. Melendez led a discussion of the issue from TBR Faculty Subcouncil concerning the reduction of credit hours required for degrees which would be decreased from 128 to 120 credit hours for baccalaureate degrees, and from 64 to 60 credit hours for associate degrees. Apparently surrounding states have set maximum program credit hours at the 120 and 60 hour level. There is a natural concern because a difference occurs between TBR and the UT systems; the difference being a 6 hour requirement in American History and a 2 hour requirement in physical education by all TBR schools. This matter of reducing the number of minimum credit hours goes before TBR in December. At the TBR level, the course of action was as follows: the academic council tabled the issue; the faculty subcouncil voted down the issue; the President's Council voted in favor of the issue unaware that the subcouncil had voted the matter down. There are many concerns with this issue, one being that if TBR does not decide this issue then the General Assembly may. It was suggested that these concerns be communicated to our state senator, Rusty Crowe, who is vice-chairman of the senate's education committee. A motion was made that we support the Faculty Subcouncil's decision to maintain the current minimum level of credits hours at 128 and 64. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Melendez led related discussion on the matter concerning communication between the Faculty Subcouncil and other councils / subcouncils within TBR. As an example, she used copies of email correspondence between various members of these groups showing that there was a difference of opinion in the discussion of events regarding the aforementioned issue. Melendez indicated there was a need for formalizing the lines of communication between these entities. A motion was made that she draft a letter to this effect and send it to the appropriate bodies. Melendez asked for volunteers in drafting the letter. LeCroy and Taylor volunteered.

V. Melendez revisited the SAI issue. There has been a discussion in Academic Council regarding the housing of SAI printouts in the university library for student/public review. Academic Council has tabled its motion until Faculty Senate can vote this issue. Melendez made reference to a memo by Nancy Dishner regarding appropriate uses of SAL. A motion was made that this issue be tabled until senators have discussed this matter with their constituents. The motion was approved unanimously. This issue will be placed on the December 8th agenda.

VI. In a similar matter Melendez brought up the question of chairs access SAI data tabulation as well as written comments on original SAI forms. Some of this information is being disseminated to Chairs as well as faculty for use in tenure and promotion dossiers. Dr. Bach was asked to report at the next meeting. A motion was made to send the matter to the Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee for review. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

- **Academic Matters: no report.**

- **Committee on Committees: no report.**
- **Concerns and Grievances: no report.**
- **Development and Evaluation: Drew reported that they are still working on the SAI issue along with several additional items.**
- **Elections: no report.**
- **Research, Creative and Scholarly Activities: Stone reported that they are continuing to evaluate several issues.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melendez reported that Paula Vance extends her thanks to the Faculty Senate in its cooperation and sponsorship in the Thanksgiving baskets. With our assistance the group resulted in 35 boxes of food and \$1000 in cash donations. The \$1000 cash will be used to buy meats and other perishables. Thirty-five baskets will be distributed with six going to families working for physical plant.

Bill Fisher distributed information relating to TCRS contributions, the ORP quarterly report, and other items. Please contact Dr. Fisher if you have any questions concerning these issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.



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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Senate Members

cc: Jennifer Crigger, Director of Auxilliary Services

Fm: Harvey Byerley, Director of ETSU Postal Services

Date: 11 Nov 1997

It was brought to my attention of the re-occurrence in the delay of mail service regarding the minutes of the Faculty Senate. We have addressed this issue internally and have taken what we hope is corrective action from within the Post Office as well as in preparation of the mailing. Mr. Stephen A. Patrick was most helpful in identifying this problem and jointly, we believe we have alleviated the situation.

I do offer my sincere apology for this interruption to your service and process.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Harvey Byerley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

J Harvey Byerley