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Faculty Senate Agenda
Monday, December 8, 1997
2:45 PM / Culp Center Forum

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AGENDA FOR SENATE MEETING

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Melendez
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 24, 1997
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - SAI question concerning placement of SAI printouts
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - Letters to Chancellor
 - Results of Thanksgiving baskets
- **ADJOURNMENT to Committee Meetings**

PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting, Monday, January 12, 1998, 2:45 PM, Culp Forum
Meeting dates for the Spring semester is as follows: January 12 and 26; February 9 and 23; March 9 and 30; April 13 and 27. Please mark your calendars accordingly.



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UPCOMING MEETING: January 12, 1998, 2:45PM, Culp Forum Room **FOLLOWING MEETING: January 26, 1998, 2:45PM, Culp Forum Room**

Present: Abusamra (J.Cradic - proxy), Alavi, Barnes, Barrett, Berk, Boland, Burgess, Chenoweth, Chi, Collins, Drew, Harvill, Johnson, Kelly, Kerley, King, Knight, MacKay, McKinney, Melendez, Miller, Oppewal, Oyler, Parker, Patrick, Perry, Rose, Steadman, Stone, Taylor, Williams.

Excused: LeCroy, Palmer, Stanley, Stanton.

Absent: Brown, Iglar, Ralston, Robinson, Weedman, West.

Guest: McRae

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present President Melendez called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 24th meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

It was requested that the discussion of the placement of SAI printouts in the library be postponed until the January 12th meeting. Melendez reminded senators that this issue was initiated by the SGA and they were seeking our support on the issue. The information to be housed in the library would only include the summary and results of course evaluations and not the original forms or comments. This information is considered to be a public record. Boland suggested that a more appropriate place for this information be the ETSU homepage, which would mean more widespread access and less of a burden on the library faculty and staff. It was further suggested by Perry, that we inquire if other institutions have done this. He also recalled that there was a similar official publication at the University of Tennessee that was published by their SGA in the past.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melendez stated that she had written a letter to the Chancellor, who is also the chair of the TBR President's Council, as per request of the senate concerning 1) the proposed reduction of credit hours and 2) the lack of communication between the TBR Faculty Subcouncil and the President's Council.

Melendez read a thank you note from the President of the Staff Senate expressing their appreciation of our assistance with the Thanksgiving food baskets and their desire to co-sponsor this project again next year.

Melendez read a memo from President Stanton indicating that the First Monday session scheduled to be held January 5 would be deferred until Monday, February 2, 1998.

Melendez read a thank you note from Bonny Stanley expressing her appreciation of the plant we sent to her during her stay in the hospital due to recent surgery.

Mark Steadman reported on the TBR meeting he attended in our behalf last week. He reported that 1) the TBR Board approved the policy concerning the reduction of credit hours in an attempt to head off legislative action by the

TN General Assembly on this issue, 2) the issue of report cards on higher education showed ETSU ranking highly, 3) TBR is concerned with the technology fees actually being spent for students, 4) following the vote of no-confidence in the APSU President by their faculty senate, the Chancellor spent several day reviewing the issue and ruled in full support of the APSU President and that their faculty senate bylaws and policies acutally inhibited communication between the two, and 5) Roane State Community College was approved to begin a program in funeral services.

Melendez stated that among the handouts was a copy of the preliminary agenda for the upcoming TBR Faculty Subcouncil meeting she would be attending on January 16th and indicated that senators forward any concerns or items to her in advance of this meeting. It was pointed out that item 4 should read, "post retirement service program for retired faculty", not post retirement teaching program. The correction was duly noted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm and members were asked to attend their respective committee meetings.



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