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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 2, 1991

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, December 2, 1991, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. The Senate Chair, Paula Kopacz, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

P. Bland	J. Dickey	*L. Doak
V. Falkenberg	*E. Fraas	J. Joyner
S. Kipp	*G. Kleine	J. Mann
*T. Ricks	*J. Rowlett	*I. Slusher
R. Stebbins	H. Tracy	*P. Tudor

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were Charles Hilton, Business Administration; Ronald Messerich, Philosophy and Religion; and Tom Marshall, Eastern Progress.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Kopacz called for additions and corrections to the November 4, 1991, minutes. President Funderburk requested the following change in the minutes: in the "Report From the President" eliminate the third sentence of the first paragraph and add "in addition to our centers at Corbin and Manchester" at the end of the next sentence; also add that the vote was 10-6. In the last paragraph of the report change "senior" level courses to "junior" level courses. No further changes were made. Minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

The Council on Higher Education met on Wednesday, November 13, 1991; to look at budget recommendations for higher education. After looking at several alternatives, the Council recommended a budget of one-hundred percent of average funding to the governor. The report of the July through November state revenue collection will be crucial to all state agencies in budget planning.

President Funderburk recently attended the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) meeting. Most talk centered around the financial situation in most states, which sounded like the 1981 recession all over again. On the positive side, the Knight Commission report encouraged presidents to attend NCAA meetings and to try to keep the reform movement

alive in intercollegiate athletics.

President Funderburk also mentioned that as a result of the Knight Commission report and recent problems encountered within the NCAA, there is a movement toward certifying intercollegiate athletic programs. Currently, a pilot study program is underway in thirty NCAA schools. Today, various accrediting agencies are attempting to get much more involved in looking at intercollegiate athletics.

The President stated that educational reform was the major topic discussed at the AASCU meeting. He referred to a recently published AASCU report, "Teach America," which in part states that schools can not change until teachers change and teachers can not change until teacher preparation programs change. In some states, notably Texas, an alternative route to the classroom has been developed. Some college graduates having taken a minimum number of education courses and without receiving a degree in education are being granted state certification and allowed to teach. This is a trend that will continue and significantly affect many colleges of education. The President will place a copy of "Teach America" at the College of Education.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR KOPACZ

The Chair noted that the election for Faculty Recent will take place in the spring. The term will run from April 1, 1992, through March 31, 1995. The chairperson of the Election Committee is Senator Allen Engle. Nominating petitions will be officially available at the beginning of January in the Department of Business Administration, Room 215 of the Combs Classroom Building. The deadline for nominating petitions to be returned to the Election Committee is January 31st.

As in the past, the Senate will sponsor forums at which the Regent candidates will present their views. These forums will be held on two separate days. They will be set up after the petitions are in next semester, and the Chair will report to the Senate the dates for each forum as well as balloting dates.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR KUHN

No report was given.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on the Budget: Senator Freed

Senator Freed reported that the Budget Committee met on October 29, 1991, to discuss the problem of high costs to academic units for food services for on-campus professional activities. Both Food Services and Special Programs are required to be self-

supporting and are expected to generate funds for the university. Thus, increases in charges from both are necessary to keep up with rising operational costs.

Senator Kuhn questioned the Board of Regents' control over section #3 of the report concerning the word "set" in reference to rental fees at the Perkins Building. The word "set" should be changed to "approved."

Legislative Committee: Senator W. Wright

Senator Wright reported that the Legislative Committee met on November 19, 1991, with Representative Moberly. He anticipates that higher education will never see the \$31 million it has to give up. Only Human Resources and Elementary and Secondary Education may come out unaffected. Higher education in the first year of biennium appropriations will have a stand pat budget, with modest increase for the second year of the biennium. The Legislative Committee wants a Faculty Senate-sponsored meeting with Representative Moberly in the second week of February.

OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee on Student Disciplinary Practices: Dr. Hilton

Dr. Hilton reported that the Committee concentrated on studying the university's current probation policy. He cited examples of some students' being able to go through almost to their senior year without achieving a 2.0 grade point average. He pointed out that there are several dynamic changes, such as the University Writing Requirement and a stiffer repeat policy, taking place on campus to improve academic progress of students. The Committee also found that the current dismissal policy does have an impact.

Dr. Hilton stated that the Committee has learned that the Council of Deans, after lengthy investigation, has submitted a revision in the probation policy to the Council on Academic Affairs. The revision calls for a stiffer standard in notifying students of lack of academic progress. The Committee endorses the Deans' proposal pending before the Council on Academic Affairs and will report back to the Senate on the Council's decision. The Committee does not want to deny any student an opportunity to achieve an education, but it does expect students to meet certain standards.

Senator W. Wright moved that the Senate Executive Committee appoint a committee to develop recommendations for a program to meet the needs of students on academic warning or probation. This study should include, but need not be restricted to, determining the need for appeal procedures, special counseling, and other supportive resources. The objective of the study is to enhance the opportunities of these students to be restored to normal status.

The Committee will report to the Senate at its April 1992 meeting. Senator Laird seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Ad Hoc Study Committee on Ethics in Research: Dr. Messerich

Dr. Messerich reported that the committee divided the topic into two areas. Currently, the committee is focusing its attention on the use of animals and humans in research on campus. At a later date the committee will investigate practices employed in reporting scholarly and research achievements within the university. The focal point of the present study is to see how the two university committees that deal with use of human and animal subjects in research operate, especially within various federal guidelines and standards. The committee has developed a survey document to determine how much human and animal research is being conducted on campus, what impact full implementation of federal standards would have on research, what should be done at a departmental level in dealing with university level research standards, and how existing rules or guidelines might be changed. The committee will report the survey results and make recommendations next semester.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Miller made a motion to extend the charge and change the name of the Ad Hoc Study Committee on Ethics in Research to include Ethics in Teaching. This extension is meant 1) to evaluate the University's current attempts to address ethical issues in teaching, and 2) to make any recommendations the committee finds appropriate regarding ethics in teaching at ECU. The Ad Hoc Study Committee will submit a report on ethics in teaching at the April 1992 meeting of the Senate. Senator Freed seconded the motion.

A lengthy discussion of the motion followed and centered on the questions of academic freedom, possible punitive nature of the motion, how to measure ethics and develop a code of ethics, and length of time for the committee to report its findings. Senator W. Wright moved to amend Senator Miller's motion to read that a new committee be formed to study specifically Ethics in Teaching. Senator Mohanty seconded the motion. The amendment failed by a standing vote.

A second amendment to Senator Miller's motion was proposed by Senator W. Wright to change the completion date of the committee's report from April 1992 to April 1993. Senator Duncan seconded the motion. The amendment passed by a non-unanimous voice vote.

Further discussion ensued about the need to enlarge the Ad Hoc Committee, what is really being reviewed (ethics or procedures), the need to have the committee represent as many academic disciplines as possible, and how ethics affect collegiality and professionalism. The motion passed by a standing vote.

Report from the Council on Academic Affairs: Senator Enzie

No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Enzie moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.



Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary