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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
OCTOBER 7, 1991

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, October 7, 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:

*R. Baugh  P. Bland  *N. Daniel
V. Falkenburg  *D. Gale  *J. Harley
K. Henson  *T. Ricks  *I. Slusher
*H. Tracy  J. Wernegreen

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitor to the Senate was Mr. Terry Sebastian, Eastern Progress.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Kopacz called for additions and corrections to the September 9, 1991, minutes. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

The President reported on the current status of the three EKU Extended Campus Centers. A hearing was held in London on September 23, 1991, on the proposed UK Community College in that area. Dr. Funderburk explained the history of the Center concept. At the meeting no elected official registered or signed up to speak for a community college in London. The Council on Higher Education will decide this issue on November 4, 1991.

Dr. Funderburk indicated that if the Council on Higher Education follows its own strategic plan, it will not approve the new community college for that area. The Council's plan calls for Centers to take care of accessibility needs of the state until such time as the needs cannot be met by Centers, and then a community college can be considered. The next phase of this issue will occur in the general assembly.

Dr. Funderburk, Bruce Bonar, and Kenneth Henson appeared before the Joint Education Committee of the Kentucky House and Senate to talk about education reform. Dr. Funderburk gave the overview, and Henson and Bonar spoke on the subject.
Dr. Funderburk appeared before the Council on Higher Education Finance Committee to present our 1992-1994 budget request. Dr. Funderburk indicated that there will be several more appearances within the next four to six months.

Dr. Funderburk stated that Senator Calitri indicated that the Wellness Center is open and available for use. A brochure has been distributed to each member of the Senate.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR KOPACZ

Senator Kopacz stated that the University routinely bestows an honorary degree at Commencement ceremonies in May and August. The Committee that selects the recipients will be meeting soon, so the Faculty is requested to make nominations now. Letters of nomination should be sent to President Funderburk. Senator Kopacz will be sending out a letter to all faculty requesting nominations.

Senator Kopacz indicated that at the September 23 Executive Committee meeting Ward Wright was appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Extended Campus Teaching.

Senator Kopacz reported on the use of the Suggestion Box, which was approved last year on a trial basis. The box collects duplicate general mail but the real Senate mail still comes to the Chair directly. Consequently, the Senate Suggestion Box will be discontinued.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR KUHN

Senator Kuhn stated that the Board will meet on Saturday, October 12, 1991.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: SENATOR ROWLETT

Senator Rowlett stated that there was no report.

NEW BUSINESS

An election was held to select a faculty member to serve a one-year term on the Institutional Planning Committee. Senator Calitri nominated Rita Davis and Senator Riggs nominated Lonnie Harris. Rita Davis was elected to the position.

Senator Stebbins made a motion that the Senate Executive Committee appoint a committee to study the existing policy regarding student grade appeal and recommend revisions it deems appropriate. Proposals should be submitted to the Faculty Senate for its consideration no later than at its March 1992 meeting. Senator Rowlett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
Senator Fraas questioned the time limit of reports from Faculty Senate Committees, especially Ad Hoc Committees.

Senator Duncan questioned Senator Kopacz about the use of the suggestion box. Senator Kopacz indicated that the box primarily receives routine campus mail and generally any business for the Senate is mailed directly to the Chair. Senator W. Wright stated that the box received little mail concerning Senate matters during his tenure as Faculty Senate Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Rowlett moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary