

2-3-1992

Faculty Senate Minutes, Feb. 3, 1992

Eastern Kentucky University, Faculty Senate

Follow this and additional works at: http://encompass.eku.edu/faculty_senate

Recommended Citation

Eastern Kentucky University, Faculty Senate, "Faculty Senate Minutes, Feb. 3, 1992" (1992). *Faculty Senate*. Paper 14.
http://encompass.eku.edu/faculty_senate/14

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Minutes at Encompass. It has been accepted for inclusion in Faculty Senate by an authorized administrator of Encompass. For more information, please contact Linda.Sizemore@eku.edu.

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

FEBRUARY 3, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, February 3, 1992, 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: .

*E. Baldwin	G. Bickum	*J. Bowen
*D. Calitri	*D. Duncan	J. Frazier
*G. Kleine	N. Lee-Riffe	A. Mohanty
*T. Ricks	*J. Riggs	*J. Rowlett
*J. Thomas	*K. Tunnell	

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were Klaus H. Heberle, Government; and Michael Morgan, Eastern Progress.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Kopacz called for additions and corrections to the December 2, 1991, minutes. No changes were made. Minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

Dr. Funderburk reported on several bills that are before the General Assembly that concern higher education. The Board or Scorsone Bill has to do with changes in appointing members to governing boards of public institutions of higher education. It was on a fast track but has slowed down. A bill introduced by Senator Ed Ford primarily concerns increased emphasis on accountability. Eastern Kentucky University is currently doing a lot of things, especially reporting to the Council on Higher Education, called for in this bill.

Dr. Funderburk reported that the main bill before the General Assembly is the governor's Budget Bill. The governor received a time extension to make it public. He will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 6, 1992, to disclose his recommendations.

Dr. Funderburk commented on the budget indicating that it is bleak with very little money next year (first year of the biennium) and a little more money the second year of the biennium.

Dr. Funderburk stated that he is concerned about the redistribution of available state funds. Elementary and secondary education, social welfare, and medicaid make up close to two-thirds of the state budget, with higher education and other state agencies receiving the remainder.

The President reported that the 1993-97 planning process has started. This is the cycle in which the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will review Eastern for accreditation. It will serve to establish priorities for the 1993-94 budget as well as a basis for the state budget request for the 1994-96 biennium.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR KOPACZ

Nominating petitions for Faculty Regent have been filed and the nominating period is now closed. The Election Committee has certified the following four candidates for Faculty Regent: Richard Freed, John Jenkins, Marijo Levan, and Ward Wright.

The Senate will sponsor two brown bag forums in the Faculty Dining Room. They will be held on Tuesday, February 18, and Wednesday, February 19, from noon to 1:30.

Ballots will be sent out to all those eligible to vote on Thursday, February 20. The ballots will be due back one week later, on Thursday, February 27. If a run-off vote is necessary, ballots will be mailed out on Monday, March 9, with a return date of Friday, March 13.

The Executive Committee named new members to the Ad Hoc Study Committee on Ethics in Research and Teaching. They are: Karen Janssen, Pamela Moore, and Diane Vachon.

The Executive Committee also made appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee to Develop Recommendations for Students on Academic Warning or Probation. Those who have accepted appointments are: Pam Collins, Nancy Hindman, Joan Hopkins, James Kenkel, and Tom Watkins.

At the April 1991 Senate meeting the Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Student Study Environment in University Dormitories gave a lengthy report on its activities. The Senate accepted the report, and directed the Executive Committee to send various sections of the report to the appropriate administrators and staff. The Committee has received responses from Wachtel, Culross, Schwendeman, and Crockett.

1. The Study Environment Committee requested that each Orientation course conduct a discussion of what it means to live in and be a part of an academic community. This request was sent to Dr. Elizabeth Wachtel, Director of Advising, who replied that such a discussion could not be

mandated as a part of course content in Orientation courses. At the January meeting, the Executive Committee decided to send her response to the Committee on Academic Advising and to ask the committee to look into it.

2. Another request of the Study Environment Committee was that the Academic Year Calendar be reviewed with the goal of establishing a study atmosphere in the dormitories, especially at the beginning of the year. This was sent to Dr. Jack Culross, Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
3. The longest response was from Ms. Jeannette Crockett, Dean of Student Life. It addressed ten points made by the Study Committee: the sometimes negative effect in the dormitory of students with very low G.P.A.'s and part-time students, the policy of charging students for a single room when a roommate moves out, student involvement in policies concerning the residence environment, staffing in the residence halls, minority recruitment, and physical plant issues--mostly aimed at reducing noise, decreasing the institutional effect, and providing places for serious intellectual work to be conducted in the Residence Halls.
4. Dr. Joseph Schwendeman also responded to the physical plant issues.

An announcement was made that nominations for a new Senate chair will take place at the April meeting.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR KUHN

Senator Kuhn reported that the Board of Regents met on Saturday, February 1, 1992. The Board extended President Funderburk's contract to 1996. The Board approved two changes regarding curriculum in the College of Applied Arts and Technology: (1) title change for an option for Master of Science Degree, and (2) institution of new option in Industrial Training.

Senator Kuhn reported that two faculty were honored by having university facilities named after them. The auxiliary gym at Alumni Coliseum was named for Dr. Fred Darling, and Moore 120 was named for Dr. Sanford Jones.

Senator Kuhn reported that the Board passed a grievance procedure policy. Changes to the policy as approved by the Senate were made in three categories: (1) some deadlines were extended from five (5) days to ten (10) days, (2) some permissive language was changed to required language ("may be set up" changed to "shall be set up"), and (3) policy's application was limited to full-time faculty, and will not include graduate students or part-time faculty.

REPORT FROM THE COSFL REPRESENTATIVE: DR. HEBERLE

Dr. Heberle reported that the COSFL met on December 7, 1991 at the University of Louisville. Representatives from all of the state institutions except the University of Kentucky were there with reports as to how they were dealing with the first round of budget cuts. The first round of budget cuts was made without seriously affecting the teaching side of institutional activities. Most of the institutions reported a hiring freeze with some cancellation of part-time contracts.

Dr. Heberle reported that the major items on the COSFL legislative agenda are the budget, the Scorsone bill relating to the selection of members of the University boards, and proposed revisions of Kentucky's open records laws.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Senator Laird

Senator Laird reported that the Committee received a request to study the status of part-time instructors on campus. Two questionnaires were developed: one was sent to part-time instructors and the other was sent to department chairs with the purpose of seeing if there are any problems. These questionnaires will be sent out in the next few weeks with return in March. Senator Laird hopes to report on this study in April.

Senator Laird reported that this Committee received replies from questionnaires concerning the initial orientation program that part-time faculty receive.

Legislative Committee: Senator W. Wright

Senator Wright reported that this Committee met on January 23, 1992, with Jim Clark to study the state budget projections.

Senator Wright reported that an open forum was set up for Thursday, February 27, 1992, at 6:30 p.m., with Representative Moberly. A memo will be distributed with the location of the forum as soon as it is confirmed. Attendance is encouraged.

Merit Pay Committee: Dr. Heberle

No report was given. It was deferred to March's Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator R. Davis made a motion that the Executive Committee appoint a Committee on the Calendar to study present academic scheduling needs, to consider options to the present academic

calendar, and possibly to recommend an alternative. The Committee will report at the September 1992 meeting of the Senate. Senator Freed seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: SENATOR ENZIE

Before hearing Senator Enzie's report, Chair Kopacz asked the Senate if there were any objections to discharging the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Student Disciplinary Policies and Practices as they Relate to Classroom Performance. There were no objections. Senator Enzie made a motion to approve proposed changes in the Minimum Scholastic Standards policy. Senator Falk seconded the motion. Several questions were raised concerning the reasons for the proposal, the effect of the changes on students and their academic performance, and the meaning of some of the language. The motion passed by voice vote.

REPORT FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: SENATOR FREED

Senator Freed reported that Greg Hopkins asked to have it announced that faculty groups that have small meetings have the option of getting non-prepared food through the campus Food Service at prices which are competitive with local grocery stores.

OTHERS

Senator Culross moved that the report he submitted to the Executive Committee be sent on the Committee on the Calendar. Seconded by Senator Laird. The motion passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Enzie moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary