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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

OCTOBER 5, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, October 5, 1992, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. The Senate Chair, Joan McGill, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

*W. Davis	R. Hopkins	L. Hayes
*T. Knight	*J. Renfro	*T. Ricks
*W. Schulz	U. Shin	K. Tunnell
	*W. Wright	

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitor to the Senate was Mr. Joe Castle, Eastern Progress.

Dr. Ann Stebbins sat in for Parliamentarian Martha Grise.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair McGill called for additions and corrections to the September 14, 1992, minutes. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

Dr. Funderburk reported that he and Vice President Rowlett would like the Faculty Senate to look into current university policies and procedures affecting non-traditional students. He suggested that this be brought before the Senate Executive Committee to see if any committee (special, ad hoc, etc.) is available to look into this.

The president mentioned that student government leaders at the eight state universities including EKU are planning a student-sponsored rally in Frankfort on October 14, 1992, to express concern about the condition of higher education to the governor, tax payers of the state, legislators, and others. The presidents of these universities, as a group, support the rally. President Funderburk mentioned that Eastern will not turn out classes on the fourteenth, but if a student goes to their instructor and states they want to participate in the rally, the decision to allow the student to go or not will be left to the instructor.

Dr. Funderburk and other state university presidents recently met with Governor Jones for an information session about funding and other matters. Governor Jones was brought up to date on fall enrollment figures, noting that universities generally have experienced an increase in students with a decrease of resources. Governor Jones wants to wait until the first quarter state revenue report is in before any budgeting decisions are made.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR MCGILL

At the Executive Committee meeting of September, 17, 1992, the following persons were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Communication established by the Senate at its last meeting: Elizabeth Fraas, John Gump, Paula Kopacz, Engming Lin, and Jerry Wallace.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR FREED

There was no report given. Senator Freed did mention that the Board of Regents will have a retreat on October 23-24, 1992.

NEW BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee on the Calendar: Senator R. Davis

Senator Davis mentioned the committee has met and addressed the following four charges--(1) difficulty the faculty and students have when their finals occur on the first day of the exam period, (2) confusion over the flip Friday schedule and the increased absenteeism that may be a result, (3) inappropriate study environment created when dorms open on Sunday but classes meet only Thursday and Friday during the first week of classes, and (4) loss of class meetings that occurs with Monday evening classes. Senators were encouraged to contact Senator Davis with ideas about the calendar. The committee will make another report at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Senator Laird discussed the view of the Physics Department concerning the calendar, especially questions about the exam schedule, the effect of scheduling classes with four lectures per week, and the effect of laboratories that meet with different lengths of time.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: SENATOR ROWLETT

There was no report given.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Rowlett moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary