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## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

### EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

APRIL 5, 1993

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, April 5, 1993, 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:

*R. Baugh	G. Bickum	P. Bland
*M. Cowan	*R. Davis	W. Davis
J. Dickey	*L. Hayes	*R. Hopkins
R. James	J. Jones	*P. Kopacz
T. Myers	*T. Ricks	*J. Roberts
*D. Robinette	*I. Slusher	S. Titus
H. Tracy	K. Tunnell	*R. Vance

\*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were Dr. Imogene Ramsey, Curriculum and Instruction; and Mr. Mark White, Eastern Progress.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair McGill called for corrections to the March 3, 1993, minutes. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

#### REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT: DR. FUNDERBURK

The president reported on the rising cost of health insurance. The basic University Plan is going up two to three times the rate of inflation, but the supplemental plans (B and C) are going up an average of 23% this coming year. It is essential to look at what is offered and covered by plans B and C and make a decision to stay with the plan or move to the basic University Plan. He mentioned that this time the Humana HMO is reasonable. Another option from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be available for university employees this year. The Blue Cross HMO appears to be in line with the state government's health insurance program and the direction in which the federal government is moving. The president stressed the importance of faculty members' attending upcoming meetings that will explain the insurance programs in more depth. He mentioned that some type of health care reform is absolutely essential to contain costs.

Dr. Funderburk stated that the campus budget-making operation has been temporarily postponed due to questions about health insurance costs and the uncertainty of state government revenue. Budget unit heads will be notified by April 26 about funding for preparation of 1993-1994 budgets, with completed information due back to the Office of Planning and Budget by April 30. The Board of Regents will meet on May 22 to finalize the budget. This means that contracts will be mailed out later than usual. Faculty who will be out of town during this time should make arrangements with their chair to cover this situation.

A question from the Senate pertained to the Lilley Cornett Woods mining controversy. The president stated that the property is owned by the state and managed by ECU's Division of Natural Areas. The state acquired the land but without mining rights. The mineral rights have been owned by different coal companies. He said the problem is that the current coal companies which own the mineral rights want to mine the coal or be paid compensation.

Another question concerned the merging of three departments. The president replied that he has met with the deans of the affected departments and the academic vice presidents. He saw some very preliminary plans that have been sent back for further study to the units involved in the mergers.

A third question was raised about the appointment of a committee to review the definition of terms used in reporting of faculty work time to the state. Dr. Funderburk replied that no committee has yet been appointed. He stated that he has seen some data which were collected at ECU for the Fall 1992 semester, and that data are close to what has been reported from other universities.

#### REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR MCGILL

The Executive Committee met March 22. Committee reports and motions were reviewed for the April agenda. Senators are reminded to return the "willingness to serve" form that was distributed with agenda materials. New senators also have been sent this form.

Concern has been expressed related to faculty being approached by a textbook solicitor. Faculty are referred to page 112 of the Faculty/Staff Handbook. Activities of textbook solicitors are restricted by invitation only.

Chairs of standing Senate committees are reminded that Senate by-laws require committee chairs to submit an annual written report of the activity of their committee to the Chair of the Senate at the May meeting. Chairs of Senate Ad Hoc committees also will be asked for progress reports.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR FREED

Senator Freed stated that he met with the Department of Technology last month. He felt that it was a very helpful meeting and encourages others to contact him.

He reported that he and Dr. Funderburk attended a productive Board of Regents retreat. The retreat focused attention on several areas--quality of education (White Paper report), advising and mentoring, part-time faculty, and extended programs (teaching). Another item, and hottest, discussed was intercollegiate athletics, especially the question of gender equity and its impact on sports programs. A final topic centered on non-traditional students and concentrated on off-campus services and programs provided to these students.

The Senate raised a question concerning child care facilities. Senator Freed replied that some universities are retreating from providing such facilities.

REPORT FROM THE COSFL: SENATOR W. WRIGHT

Senator Wright mentioned that most universities reported salary pools had been established with increases of two to five percent, with two to three percent being the average. Another topic discussed was the issue of post tenure review at the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky. He mentioned that the president of the University of Louisville was quoted as saying that tenure is no longer necessary.

Senator Wright stated that there is frustration with KERA and the role higher education has been playing in educational reform. He mentioned that it appears only the Colleges of Education and not other units on campuses are actively involved with KERA. He stated that there is a need for consistency and participation by a variety of constituencies in reforming education at all levels. Most COSFL representatives feel that the role of Advocates of Higher Education has been less than effective.

In university reports the University of Kentucky is conducting a first time faculty evaluation of administrators; the University of Louisville reports that AAUP membership was up significantly and that the legal status of collective bargaining is being explored; Western Kentucky University faculty recently evaluated their president; Northern Kentucky University reports that the provost appointment is pending; Murray State University now has a faculty handbook; and Morehead State University is continuing restructuring, has seven new faculty members and many overloads, and has adopted a tuition waiver policy for spouses and dependents of faculty and staff.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEESUniversity Improvement of Instruction Committee: Senator Creek

Senator Creek moved that "Students who do not complete the required 64 hours at Eastern may petition the Dean of their college for a review of their records and consideration for receiving honors. After review, the Dean will forward the request and recommendation for exception to the regulation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research for a final decision. It is proposed that this policy become effective July 1, 1993." Senator Laird offered an amendment that "the student must complete a minimum of 48 hours at EKU before being considered for honors." Senator Lee-Riffe seconded the amendment. The amendment failed by a voice vote. After some discussion, the motion passed by a standing vote of 27 to 25.

Ad Hoc Committee on Communication: Senator Fraas

Senator Fraas moved "1.) the creation of a logo/letterhead for the Faculty Senate to be used for all communication from the Faculty Senate and its committees to faculty, 2.) the creation of a faculty newsletter, 3.) the appointment of an editor: it is recommended that the editor be a member of the Senate or at least someone who is familiar with Senate business and attends the meetings, be a teaching faculty member, and receive quarter-release time per semester (or per academic year) to produce the newsletter."

Before considering the motion, President Funderburk was asked to comment on it, especially the provision for quarter-release time for the editor of the newsletter. He stated that he was concerned about anything that takes a faculty member away from the classroom. After some discussion, the Senate approved by voice vote the dividing of the motion into a series of individual motions for consideration.

Senator Fraas moved for "the creation of a logo/letterhead for the Faculty Senate to be used for all communication from the Faculty Senate and its committees to faculty." The motion passed by voice vote.

Senator Fraas moved for "the creation of a faculty newsletter, with the appointment of an editor. The editor will be a member of the Senate or at least someone who is familiar with Senate business and attends the meetings, be a teaching faculty member, and receive quarter-release time per semester (or per academic year) to produce the newsletter."

Senator Falkenburg offered an amendment to the motion to read "the appointment of an editor who shall be a member of the Senate or at least someone who is familiar with Senate business and

attends the meetings, and who shall be a teaching faculty member. It is recommended that the editor receive quarter-release time per semester (or per academic year) to produce the newsletter." The amendment was seconded by Senator Lee-Riffe. After much discussion, the amendment passed by voice vote.

Senator W. Wright offered an amendment to the original motion "that an advisory committee be appointed by the Senate Executive Committee to appoint an editor and oversee editorial policy of the newsletter." Senator Whitcopf seconded the amendment. After some discussion, the amendment passed by voice vote.

The amended motion reads that there be "the creation of a faculty newsletter; the appointment of an editor who shall be a member of the Senate or at least someone who is familiar with Senate business and attends the meetings, and who shall be a teaching faculty member. It is recommended that the editor receive quarter-release time per semester (or per academic year) to produce the newsletter, and that an advisory committee be appointed by the Senate Executive Committee to appoint an editor and oversee editorial policy of the newsletter." The motion passed by voice vote.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

##### Nominations For Senate Chair For the 1993-1994 Academic Year

Senator Calitri nominated Senator Engle for Senate Chair for the 1993-1994 Senate year.

#### NEW BUSINESS

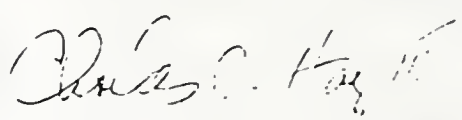
Senator Schulz moved to postpone the motion submitted by Senator Lee-Riffe's "that the Executive Committee establish an Ad Hoc Committee to include advisors, the Registrar, and the Director of Advising & Testing to make recommendations concerning Mid-term Deficiency Reports and report to the Senate by the Senate's November, 1993 meeting." Senator Laird seconded the motion. The motion to postpone was approved by voice vote.

##### Report From The Council On Academic Affairs: Senator Rowlett

Senator Rowlett moved a proposal from the College of Education "to add a computer science option to the M.A. Ed. in Secondary Education." Senator Freed seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Rowlett moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.



Charles C. Hay III  
Faculty Senate Secretary